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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: (* denotes an emergency number)

FIRE DEPARTMENT (TO REPORT FIRE)	**911***
EMS EMERGENCY NUMBER (AMBULANCE)	**911***
Fire House business number (not to report fire).....	772-9756
Fire Chief.....	772-8215
POLICE DEPARTMENT (EMERGENCY NUMBER).....	**911***
Police Department (business number).....	778-9691
Animal Control.....	679-2225
Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	772-4741
Selectmen's Office/Town Administrator.....	772-7391
Planner/Planning Board	772-7391
Highway Department.....	772-5550
Building Inspector/C.E.O.....	772-7391
Wiggin Memorial Library.....	772-4346
Historical Society.....	778-0434
Parks & Recreation.....	772-7450
Stratham Memorial School.....	772-5413
Exeter Region Coop. School District (main switchboard)	778-7772
Superintendent, SAU #16.....	775-8653

COMMUNITY INFORMATION: **www.strathamnh.gov**

TOWN OFFICE HOURS: (closed holidays)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Mondays 8:30 am to 7:00 pm; Tuesday–Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Fridays 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector: Monday – Friday 9:00 am–noon

Wiggin Memorial Library: Monday–Friday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am–1:00 pm

All Other Offices: Monday–Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOURS:

Tuesdays 9 am-11:30 am; Thursdays 2 pm–4 pm; 1st Sunday of month 2 pm–4 pm

STRATHAM TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Saturdays 9 am–4 pm (Winter (December thru March) 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month only)

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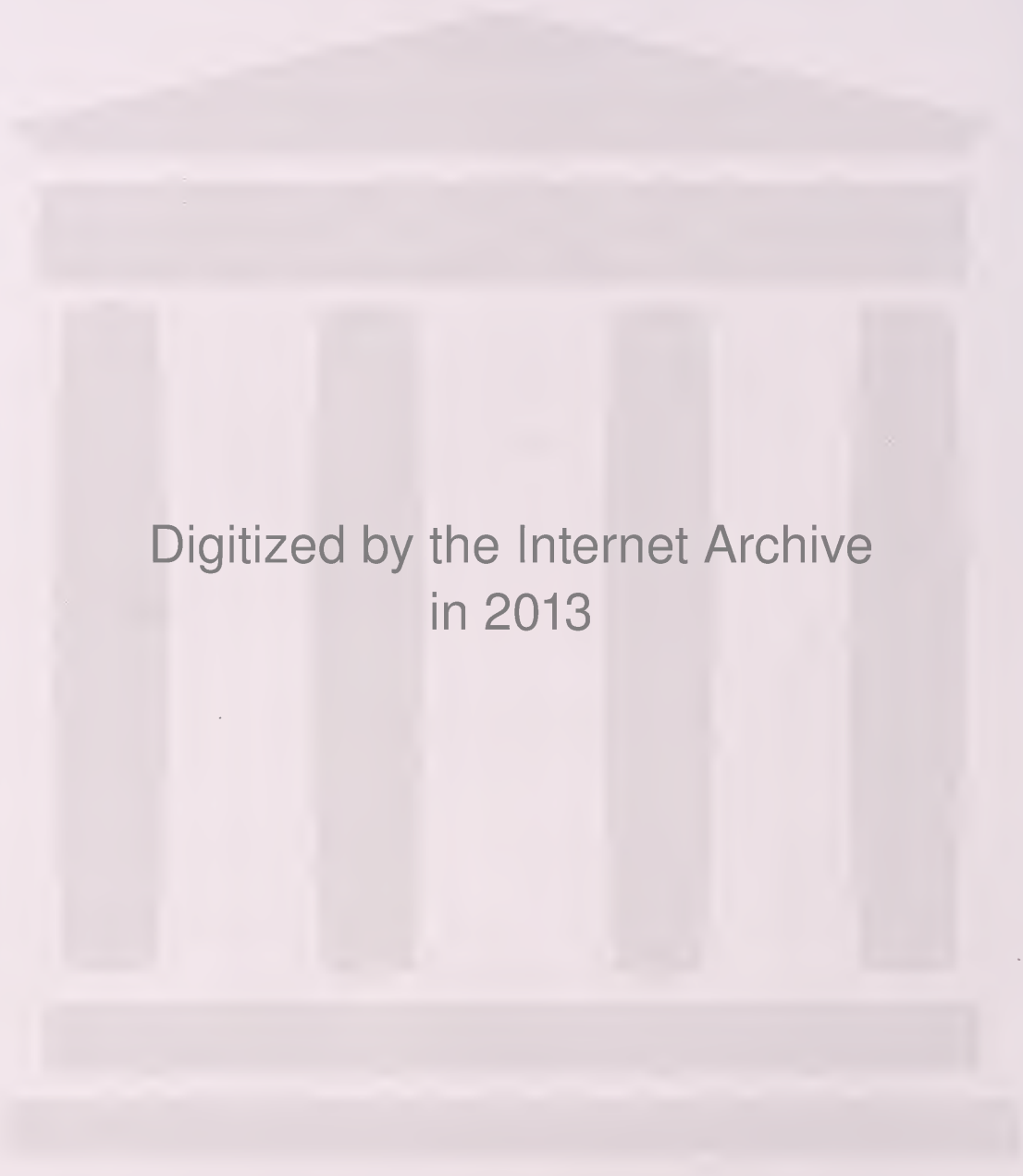
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DEDICATED TO PAT AND JOHN SAPIENZA

The more one becomes involved with the workings of the Town of Stratham, the more the immense value of volunteer effort becomes obvious. Without the contributions of so many from the community, Stratham would be a far different home than we know and love today.

There can be no finer examples of the spirit and power of this volunteer effort than John and Patricia Sapienza. The Board of Selectmen takes great pleasure in dedicating this 294th Town Report to them; we take great pride in having John and Pat be an integral part of our community's fabric.

Chance had a lot to do with the Sapienzas coming to our community. Contrary to popular belief, they knew no one in Stratham when, celebrating their 25th year of marriage, John chose to retire after a successful career as a New York City Fireman and small business proprietor. They decided, after a life in the City, to find a smaller environment. It could have been anywhere. However, after looking at page after page of listings at a Hampton realtor's office, they visited their soon to be new home for the first time. They later looked in other sections of New Hampshire but that house in Stratham kept calling.

Now, another 25 years of their life has passed and as this is written, the Sapienzas prepare to embark on a trip celebrating their 50th anniversary. Happily for Stratham, they are not looking to move at this milestone; they are home.

Volunteer fireman extraordinaire; the guy next door who will help you do anything, anytime; one who is ready to give you a ride to the airport at a moment's notice; ready to give the sick a ride to the hospital as an ambulance driver day or night; and former selectman: John is always there. Always. And he only "works for food!"

The face of the Stratham Historical Society, Stratham Booster, Stratham 300th Anniversary Committee member, Pat too is always there, quietly supporting the Town, its Fire Department, and its most visible fireman.

We wish Pat and John a wonderful anniversary trip and look forward to their return when they will again work side by side with one objective: making the world, and Stratham, a better place for their having been here.



JOSEPH DERWIECKI



CAROLINE ROBINSON

IN MEMORY OF
JOSEPH DERWIECKI AND CAROLINE ROBINSON

Almost every year the Town of Stratham experiences the loss of notable contributors to our community. The year 2010 was no exception. Joe Derwiecki's and Caroline Robinson's contributions were many during longstanding commitments to service to the Town. To each we owe a debt of gratitude.

Joe Derwiecki started his service to the Town in 1979 as a member of the Board of Adjustment. Feeling he could contribute more in the area of planning, he was appointed a member of the Planning Board in 1981 and eventually became its Chair in 1988. The decade of the 1980's was a pivotal time in Stratham's development as it made the transition from being agriculturally-based to a bedroom community for the region. Stratham was named the fastest growing community in New Hampshire during the 1980's and Joe played a central role in overseeing this transition. During his tenure, which continued until 1999, the Planning Board accomplished two major revisions and ultimate adoptions of Town's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances along with multiple amendments to its Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations. This was done while reviewing and approving many new development proposals. He then returned to serve on the Board of Adjustment, where his insights into the history and reasoning for the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance made him an important contributor in making well-considered decisions.

Caroline Robinson was well-known in Stratham as a farmer, conservationist, and activist. She had the resolve to advocate for causes she truly believed in. However, she never sought the limelight, preferring to use the art of persuasion to have community leaders do the right thing. Her influence was felt in 2000 when she sponsored a petition warrant article to designate that all of the Land Use Change Tax be placed in the Land Conservation Fund. In 2002, she spearheaded the authorization of a $5 million bond to acquire interest in property for conservation purposes, which to this day is still being used to conserve and protect important parcels. In addition, she gave of her time and passion to serve on the *Ad Hoc* Committee, which sought and pursued these acquisitions. Her last efforts were to advocate and seek funding for a solar array on the newly-constructed firehouse to make it more energy self-sufficient with a resulting cost savings to the Town.

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2010 TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED POSITIONS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David Canada, Chair	term expires 2011
Bruno Federico	term expires 2012
Timothy Copeland	term expires 2013

MODERATOR

David Emanuel	term expires 2012
Jerry Howard (appointed assistant)	term expires 2012

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Joyce Charbonneau	term expires 2011
Catherine Kenny, Deputy (appointed)	
Lisa Collins, Office Assistant	

TREASURER

Kevin Peck	term expires 2011

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Caren Gallagher	term expires 2014
Melanie McGrail	term expires 2016
Susan Hunter	term expires 2012

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Joyce Rowe, Chair	term expires 2013
Diane Morgera	term expires 2012
Maria Emanuel	term expires 2011

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Victor Collinino	term expires 2012
Eileen Bischoff	term expires 2013
Bruce Cotter	term expires 2011
Adrianne (Dree) Sherry	term expires 2012
Murray Segal	term expires 2013
Lesley Kimball, Director (appointed)	

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Robert Cushman, Chair	term expires 2011
Kenneth F. Lanzillo	term expires 2012
June Sawyer	term expires 2013

APPOINTED POSITIONS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Paul R. Deschaine
Valerie Kemp, Accounting Supervisor
Stacey J. Grella, Executive Assistant
Charles Browne, Custodian/Maintenance

CODE ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Terry Barnes
Sarah Del Rossi, Secretary

TOWN ASSESSOR

Andrea S. Lewy
James Joseph, Assessing Assistant

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Fred A. Hutton Jr., Highway Agent
Alan Williams, Foreman
Russell Stevens
Timothy Slager

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief R. Stanley Walker, Jr.
Deputy Chief Fred Hutton, Jr.
Assistant Chief Robert Cook
Captain James Devonshire
Captain Matt Larrabee
Lt. Bryan Crosby
Lt. Alan Choiniere
Lt. John Dardani
Lt. Charlie Browne
EMS - Captain Derrick Hall
EMS - Lt. Katherine Flagg
EMS – Lt. Kelley Dold

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

David Emanuel, Director
Katherine Flagg, Deputy Director
Timothy Copeland, Deputy Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief John V. Scippa
Det. Sgt. David Pierce
Sgt. James "Chris" Call
Off. Charles Law
Off. John Emerson
Off. Michael Gobbi
Off. Gregory Jordan
Off. Michael Oliveira
Off. Stephen McAulay
Off. Danielle Normand

On-Call Officers:
Kevin O'Neil
Peter Bakie

Support Staff:
Jaye Aither, Secretary
William Hart, Prosecutor

HEALTH OFFICER

David Tosatti
Doreen Gaulin, Deputy
Dr. Vincent Tan, Deputy

PLANNING BOARD

Janet Johnson, Chair	term expires 2011
Mary Jane Werner, Vice Chair	term expires 2011
Jeffrey Hyland, Secretary	term expires 2013
Martin Wool	term expires 2012
Bruno Federico, Selectmen's Rep.	
Jameson Paine, Alternate	term expires 2011
Michael Houghton, Alternate	term expires 2012
Robert Baskerville, Alternate	term expires 2013
Lincoln Daley, Town Planner	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

John Dold, Chair	term expires 2012
David Short, Vice Chair	term expires 2012
Arol Charbonneau, Secretary	term expires 2012
Kirk Scamman	term expires 2011
Bruce Barker	term expires 2013
David Short	term expires 2012
Michael Smith, Alternate	term expires 2011
Jeffrey Karam, Alternate	term expires 2013

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Patricia Elwell, Chair	term expires 2011
Robert Keating, Vice Chair	term expires 2011
William McCarthy	term expires 2012
Bradley Jones	term expires 2013
Jamie Marsh	term expires 2013
Dan McAuliffe	term expires 2011
Timothy Copeland, Selectmen's Rep.	
Edie Barker, Alternate	term expires 2013
Donna Jensen, Alternate, Secretary	term expires 2013
Allison Knab, Alternate	term expires 2012

RECREATION COMMISSION

Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm, Co-Chair	term expires 2012
Tracy-Lynn Abbott, Co-Chair	term expires 2011
Claire Ellis	term expires 2013
Caren Gallagher	term expires 2011
Kevin Peck, Secretary	term expires 2011
Jan Henderson	term expires 2012
Thomas Haslam	term expires 2012
Shelly Browne, Treasurer	term expires 2013
Tim Copeland, Selectmen's Rep.	
Seth Hickey, Parks & Recreation Director	

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Garrett Dolan
Nathan Merrill
Robert O'Sullivan
June Sawyer
Lucy Cushman
Travis Thompson, School Board's Rep.

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Rebecca Mitchell, Chair	term expires 2013
Nancy Hansen	term expires 2011
Beverly Connolly	term expires 2012
David Canada, Selectmen's Rep.	
Mary Jane Werner, Planning Board Rep.	
Georgiana Law, Alternate	term expires 2012
Nathan Merrill, Alternate	term expires 2011
Florence Wiggin, Alternate	term expires 2013

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

John Boisvert, Chair	term expires 2013
Michael Girard	term expires 2011
Michael Perfit	term expires 2013
David Sallet	term expires 2012
Lissa Ham, Alternate	term expires 2013
James Moran, Alternate, Secretary	term expires 2011
William Schoppmeyer, Alternate	term expires 2012
David Canada, Selectmen's Rep.	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Bruno Federico, Selectman, Chair	term expires 2011
Paul R. Deschaine, Town Administrator	term expires 2012
Michael Houghton	term expires 2012
Larry Foss	term expires 2013
Leslie Blaney	term expires 2013
Luke Pickett, Alternate	term expires 2013
Scott Zeller, Alternate	term expires 2013

AD HOC CONSERVATION BOND SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Roger Stephenson, Chair
Laura Lee, Vice Chair
Edie Barker, Secretary
Tammy Hathaway
Caroline Robinson
Dan McAuliffe, Conservation Commission Rep.

AD HOC STEVENS PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Seth Hickey, Chair
Tim Copeland, Selectman
John Hopping
Brad Russ
David Short

300th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Jeffrey Hyland, Alternate, Chair	term expires 2016
James Scamman, Jr.	term expires 2016
Florence Wiggin	term expires 2016
Joyce Rowe	term expires 2016
John Dold	term expires 2016
Liz Chisholm	term expires 2016
Susan Canada, Alternate, Secretary	term expires 2016
Pat Sapienza, Alternate	term expires 2016
Chelsea Bailey, Alternate	term expires 2016
Cathy Kenny, Alternate	term expires 2016

STRATHAM FAIR COMMITTEE

Stan Walker, Chair
Robert Cook
Francisco Marin
Vicky Avery
John Cushing

GATEWAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Lincoln Daley
Jeff Hyland
Lucy Cushman
Tom House
Robert Baskerville, Alternate
Joe Johnson, Alternate

ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Martin Wool
Robert Goodrich
Lissa Ham, Alternate

LAMPREY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Paul R. Deschaine

COAST (Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation)

Barbara Broderick

SOUTHEAST WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Michael Perfit
Michael Girard, Alternate

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

In addition to the routine business of the Town, the Board of Selectmen continued to work on the Scamman Conservation Easement, ongoing improvements to the Municipal Center including the Wiggin Memorial Library, hired new personnel, and took steps to develop further the Town Center and Gateway business districts.

Work on the Scamman Conservation easement continued throughout the year. This was a complicated process balancing the needs of all parties with the terms of the Federal government Farm and Ranchland Protection Program grant. We are happy to report that the process has been completed. The closing was held on January 3, 2011 and the Scamman land is now preserved forever as open land.

In February and into March, the Town was again challenged by a widespread loss of power. Although not as prolonged as the December 2008 ice storm, the Emergency Operations Center was once more activated and did a fine job of ameliorating the effects of the storm. We commend our Highway Department, Fire Department, and the Emergency Management team for minimizing the impact of this storm on residents.

In April, our longtime and well-liked Town Clerk assistant, Norma Corrow, moved to warmer climes. Although we miss Norma, an able replacement was found in Lisa Collins. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Joyce Charbonneau took the opportunity to assess her needs for personnel. With increased efficiencies using innovations such as online car registrations, she felt able to cut back on staff hours. With that determination, the Board reduced the scope of the Town Clerk assistant position to part-time and added a part-time assistant to the Town Administrator. With the addition of Stacey Grella to the administrative staff, we are seeing much greater efficiency in the day-to-day workings of the Town. We are all enjoying working with Stacey and appreciate her competent assistance.

We also filled a position in the Assessor's office. Jim Joseph became the Assessing Assistant. The job had been staffed for a few months with temporary help, but Jim is now helping to deal with a backlog of chores and is doing field reviews of various properties in town. Welcome Jim.

It has been a goal of the Board to reduce our dependence on outside contractors when cost effective alternatives can be developed in-house. To this end, our Park Ranger successfully passed the exam for a license to apply pesticides and herbicides. Such common household products as Roundup™ require a commercial license to apply when done by a Town employee. Although not used extensively, Kim Woods is now able to use such products as needed avoiding the need for a contractor. We thank Kim for the hours of study she put into this program, and note the accolades she receives from all who interact with her at the Park. Kim also acquired her Commercial Driver's License this year adding to her versatility to the Town and Highway Department snow plowing operations.

In May, we received a contract for the New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant previously awarded. The work has not been completed, but we look forward to new windows and improved insulation at the Municipal Center. Included in the work will be a new

ceiling and lights in the large meeting room. This work will complement and complete the renovations to the Town Offices and Library. This three-year project has resulted in an extremely functional and attractive site for the Town and a welcoming, greatly expanded environment for patrons of the Library. The project culminated with a Library open house on September 30. We are now turning our attention to expanding and re-surfacing the parking lot. When exterior improvements are completed, we anticipate the Town will have an administrative hub and an award winning Library, which will see us through the next 15 to 20 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Stratham Pocket Gardeners, led by Melanie McGrail, for the work they have done in maintaining the exterior garden areas of the building. A 1950's school building can be hard to dress up, but they have done a great job of increasing the visible pleasure at the Municipal Center. Anyone interested in participating in this effort can contact Mel by sending an email to strathampocketgardeners@comcast.net.

This summer Stratham's first ever full-time Recreation Director, Tara Barker, left Stratham for an opportunity in another community. After an exhaustive search, she was replaced by Seth Hickey. Seth had been the Rec. Director in Epping for a number of years and came with an impressive track record of expanding recreation opportunities to all the members of that community. Seth has dived right into the job here and has been well received by his various constituents.

We were disappointed to have the photovoltaic project proposed by Unitil for the Fire House roof rejected by the state PUC. Although the subject of lively debate at the 2010 Town Meeting, the project was endorsed at that meeting by the voters and would have been a wonderful demonstration project for renewable energy. The PUC's position was that there was not a sufficient financial return to Unitil's ratepayers to justify the project.

A committee to plan for Stratham's 300th anniversary was established by the 2010 Town Meeting. The committee members have enthusiastically undertaken their work and have exciting plans for the future. They held a successful fundraiser in October, and although the anniversary is still a while in the future, we look forward to the fruits of their labors.

The Board also established a revitalized Economic Development Committee in 2010. They too have approached their assignment with gusto. The charge to them is to determine what the voters envision for commercial activity in Stratham and to explore ways in which the Town can facilitate those wishes. A viable, vibrant commercial community in Stratham's tax mix is crucial if we wish to have a stable, cost effective tax base for residents. Further, having the stores, shops, and services we need and want in Town is a convenience for all and results in a greener and more sustainable community.

Voters have spoken clearly that they do not want to expand the footprint of the commercial district. To have a viable, expandable commercial area, the Town will need to put into place water, sewer, and storm water infrastructure. These services will ultimately be paid for by the business users of the facilities. However, it is the job of local government to make them available. Individual wells, septic systems, and rudimentary storm water management plans have been sufficient in the past. However, State and Federal development requirements are becoming more and more stringent. Awareness of environmental issues associated with

development is more acute than it has ever been. The concept of increased commercial services in a desirable and welcoming setting has been heartily endorsed by the community and is an articulated goal of the Planning Board. Services such as movie theaters, restaurants, boutique shops, medical arts buildings, etc. will allow us to shop and enjoy our recreational hours right here in Stratham. Without the utilities to support added facilities within the existing district, expanded services will be limited. To that end, the Board has agreed to buy, subject to Town Meeting approval, the David and Virginia Foss property located on the hill behind the Municipal Center. The purpose of the acquisition is to provide THE ideal site for a water storage tank for a commercial district water system. The Municipal Center lies approximately in the middle of the Portsmouth Avenue commercial corridor, which is home to our commercial, professional, and Town Center areas. It is also at the high point of these areas. Buying the Foss property will allow us to site a necessary storage tank at the exact right elevation at a savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars over placing the tank at the lower elevation of Municipal Center property. Further, rather than being structurally elevated by about 70 feet, a tank on the Foss property will be on the ground and largely unseen behind natural vegetation. We urge you to attend Town Meeting to learn more and to support this purchase.

We look forward to 2011 with anticipation. Ongoing projects at Stevens Park will be wrapping up. Parking lot improvement plans should be finalized for the Municipal Center. A roadmap for infrastructure improvements in the commercial district will be developed. Moreover, the economy, though perhaps not robust, shows signs of resiliency. We urge you to join us at the Stratham School District Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2011 at the Stratham Memorial School (39 Gifford Farm Road at 7:00 PM), at the Elections on March 8, 2011 at the Municipal Center (polls are open 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM), and at Town Meeting on March 11, 2011 at the Stratham Memorial School (7:00 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

David Canada
Timothy Copeland
Bruno Federico

YESTERYEAR IN STRATHAM

In 1861, Tax Collector Levi Chase presented a tax warrant for the previous year raising $2,837.79 through taxes. Among the expenses was 50 cents to send a selectman to Portsmouth to get supplies for a sick Stratham family (smallpox).

In 1911, the tax rate was set at $23.70 per thousand. The value of all the property in Town was $407,156 (2010 valuation was $1,200,826,163). Nine births were recorded for Stratham residents. Of those, in seven cases the father's place of birth was Stratham.

In 1961, the Town valuation had more than tripled to $1,543,835 over 50 years. Expenses for the year included $170.40 for salt for the Highway Department (salt expenditures for the last 3 years have averaged $104,851.00 per year).

Town of Stratham
Town Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2010

The ballot clerks were sworn in at 7:55 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Present were Moderator Dave Emanuel, Assistant Moderator Jerry Howard, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Joyce Charbonneau, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Catherine Kenny, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine. Also present were Selectman David Canada, and later that day, Selectman Bruno Federico. The Supervisors of the Checklist present were Susan Hunter, and Caren Gallagher. The ballot clerks for the day were: Karen Cushing, Vic Collinino, Nancy Hunter, Roger and Diana Thompson, Pat Sapienza, Barbara Newman, Peg Mullin, Katherine McDonnell, Liz Chisholm, and Karen Ryan. Head ballot clerk Annemarie Peck was present all day.

Exeter Region Cooperative School District Ballot results for Stratham voters only are as follows: (* = Denotes the Winner)

Cooperative School Board: for Exeter for three years, vote for one: Katherine B. Miller 616*. For Brentwood for three years, vote for one: Elizabeth Faria 608*. For Kensington for three years, vote for one; (there was no candidate for Kensington, but there were 12 write-in votes for Barbara RigordaEva). Cooperative School District Moderator for one year, vote for one: Charles F. Tucker 690*. Cooperative School District Budget Committee: for Exeter for three years, vote for one: Robert J. Aldrich 612*. For Newfields for three years, vote for one: Simon Heslop 602*. For Stratham for three years, vote for one: Lucy Cushman 718*.

Article 1:
Cooperative Budget: Yes 689* No 177

Article 2:
Salaries and Benefits for Administration: Yes 461* No 410

Article 3:
Salaries and Benefits for Teachers: Yes 355 No 520*

Article 4:
Special Education Trust Fund Surplus: Yes 533* No 340

Article 5:
Maintenance Trust Fund Surplus: Yes 566* No 289

Article 6
Petition of Jeffrey P. Bryan and others for the Budget Advisory Committee to be able to have recommendation/non-recommendation on the articles for the school district warrant.
Yes 553* No 228

Article 7
The "Evergreen Clause" – to restore local control in the collective bargaining and school district budget processes. Yes 680* No 152

Stratham Memorial School District Ballot Results are as follows:
(* = Denotes the Winner)

School Board Member for three years, vote for one: Luke Pickett 765*. School District Moderator for three years, vote for one: Dave Emanuel 884*. School District Treasurer for three years, vote for one: John Hazekamp 817*.

Annual Town of Stratham Ballot results are as follows:
(* = Denotes the Winner)

It was a steady day with 969 votes cast for the Town Election, with 36 of those being absentee ballots. The Stratham vote is as follows:

Article 1:

Selectperson for three years, vote for one: Timothy D. Copeland 518*, Lucy H. Cushman 416. Town Moderator for two years, vote for one: Dave Emanuel 840*. Supervisor of the Checklist for six years, vote for one: David Gaynor 303, Melanie McGrail 506*. Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, vote for one: Joyce A. Rowe 559*, Mark Levine 282. Cemetery Committee for three years, vote for one: June Sawyer 821. Library Trustee for three years, vote for two: Murray Segal 313*, Craig Wark 313, Gerald "Lee" Beauregard 224, Eileen Bischoff 457*. The tie vote between Mr. Segal and Mr. Wark resulted in a coin toss, with the winner being Mr. Segal. A recount was requested by Mr. Wark on March 11, 2010, which took place on March 17, 2010 with Mr. Segal being declared the winner by one vote. Final Results from the recount: Mr. Wark: 314, Mr. Segal: 315. Present at the recount was: Assistant Moderator Jerry Howard, Town Clerk Joyce Charbonneau, Selectman David Canada, Selectman Tim Copeland, Town Administrator Paul Deschaine, and the two candidates; Craig Wark and Murray Segal. Selectman Bruno Federico arrived at the end of the recount.

Article 2:

To amend section 3.1 Establishment of Districts and add Section 3.4.15 Gateway Commercial Business District and Section 3.8 Gateway Commercial Business District." Yes 677* No 243

Article 3:

"To amend Section II. Definitions, Subsection 2.1.27 Home Occupation and insert new section, Section V: Supplementary Regulations, Subsection 5.13 Home Occupations to further clarify the definition of a Home Occupation, types of allowed Home Occupations, and requirements for granting a Special Exception to allow a Home Occupation." Yes 698* No 223

Article 4:

"To amend Section 3.6 Table of Uses, by deleting the current Section 3.6.A.4 and add a new Section 3.6.A.3 Multi-Family Dwelling in accordance with Section 5.8 of this ordinance and a new section 3.6.A.6 Workforce and Elderly Affordable Housing in accordance with Section 5.8 of this ordinance and renumber accordingly; delete and replace section 5.8 with a new Section 5.8 Multi-Family, Workforce Housing, and Elderly Affordable Housing; and further amend Section VIII Residential Open Space Cluster Development Section 8.1.9 Density Bonus and Section 8.4 General Requirements in conformance with the revised New Hampshire Statutes Annotated 674:58-61, and related text changes for clarification and consistency with said Statutes." Yes 684* No 207

The remaining Town of Stratham warrant articles will be voted on Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Stratham Memorial School at 7:00 p.m.

Town Moderator Dave Emanuel declared the meeting to come to order at 7:10 p.m. Dave then explained the rules of procedure for Town Meeting. Following that, Lucy Cushman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. We observed a moment of silence for all of those serving in the Armed Forces. Assistant Moderator Jerry Howard read the dedication of the Town Report to Paul Deschaine. Robert Goodrich, Stratham resident, next read the memorial dedication on Gordon Barker and Jerry Batchelder. Moderator Dave Emanuel then read the results of the ballot voting on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Library Trustee resulted in a tie vote, in which a coin toss determined Murray Segal the winner. A recount was requested by Craig Wark on March 11, 2010, which took place on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, with Mr. Segal being declared the winner.

The following articles were discussed and voted on:

Article 5: Budget

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Five Million Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Four Dollars and no cents ($5,084,264.00) to defray general Town charges for the ensuing year. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a unanimous vote. Selectman David Canada moved to accept the article as read.
Selectman Bruno Federico seconded the motion. David Canada went through the budget and explained the items. David explained there are four articles that will affect the tax rate. Article 2, 5, 6, and 10 will add $3.51 to the Town portion of your tax bill, which is an increase of .24 from your 2009 tax bill. For an average home in Stratham, this will add $81.00 to your total tax bill. David further stated that a One Hundred Thousand Dollar proposal would add about .84 per thousand to your tax bill. David Emanuel then asked if there were any questions from the house. Martin Wool from Winnicutt Rd. asked why the Park budget is up $12,000.00 from last year. David Canada explained that the $12,000.00 would go towards an all-terrain work vehicle. This would be used to maintain trails and also for emergency use. There were no further comments or questions from the floor. Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 5 passed.

Article 6: CIP

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million One Hundred Forty Six Thousand Dollars and no cents ($1,146,000.00) to implement the Capital Improvement Program for 2010 as presented in the Town Report and approved by the Planning Board. This is a Special Warrant Article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. Selectman Bruno Federico moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman Tim Copeland seconded the motion. Bruno reviewed the CIP and Dave Emanuel asked for questions from the floor. Bob Goodrich from Portsmouth Ave. asked about the land acquisition for cemeteries. The amounts in the CIP for 2011 through 2015 seemed large. Bruno answered that the CIP is a planning document and that the amounts in those years are not necessarily going to be used. He stated that 2010 is what was actually approved by the Planning Department, and has been looked at by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen. Esteban Rubens from Parkman Brook Lane questioned what further improvements would be done for this year (2010) at Stevens Field. Tara Barker, the Recreation Director explained that it is hoped that the baseball field as well as the softball field will be finished this year. Last year, the fields were started, this year we need to complete the safety features as well as complete the irrigation system and start the hydro-seeding. Martin Wool from Winnicutt Rd. asked if any work would be done at the Municipal Center parking lot. David Canada answered that the work this year would consist of removing brush and small trees, and having the stumps removed from the field at the side parking lot. The softball field will stay and brush will be cut up to the softball field. Martin Wool also asked about the connection road from the Stratham Municipal parking lot to the Police parking lot and whether that would be done this year. David explained that would depend on the Highway Department and how busy they will be this year. Patty Lovejoy from Coach Rd. asked about the fundraising that was going on for this year. Tim Copeland responded that they are actively pursuing options and working on different fundraising events. Also, he mentioned that Timberland has volunteered manual labor. Brad Russ from Whitaker Dr. also explained that $4,500.00 has been raised to date from a number of activities that have been held in the last year. Their goal is $75,000.00 that also includes donated services. Martin Wool from Winnicutt Rd. asked how much is left over from last year's CIP and will any of those funds be used for this year. Tim Copeland explained that $12,000.00 was carried over from Phase I to Phase II for the fields. It will be used to add an emergency access road. There were no further questions or comments from the floor. Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question. The vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 6 passed.

Article 7: Defibrillators/Cardiac Monitors

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand dollars and no cents ($38,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing two (2) defibrillators/cardiac monitors for the use of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars and no cents ($38,000.00) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. This is a Special Warrant Article, which will be non-lapsing until this purpose is accomplished, but shall in no case be later

than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). No additional funds from general taxation are to be used. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman David Canada seconded the motion.

Tim Copeland went through the Article and explained the motion. With no questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 7 passed.

Article 8: EMS Training

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents ($8,500.00) for the purpose of providing EMS training for the members of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department for the ensuing year, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents ($8,500.00) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman Bruno Federico seconded the motion. Tim Copeland went through the Article and explained the motion. With no questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 8 passed.

Article 9: Clarifying the Authority of the Selectmen over the Public Works Commission & to Make Bylaws Regulating Municipal Utility Systems

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to prescribe the powers and duties of the Board of Public Works Commissioners established under the authority of RSA 38-C and Article 19 of the 2005 Town Warrant (incorporating and ratifying Article 14 of the 1996 Town Warrant) and also authorize the Board of Selectmen to adopt ordinances and bylaws with respect to a municipal water system, a municipal sewer system, and/or a municipal storm water system. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. The Public Works Commission also supports this Article. Selectman David Canada moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman Bruno Federico seconded the motion. David Canada spoke to the motion along with John Boisvert of the Public Works Commission. David Canada and John Boisvert reviewed the motion, and Moderator Dave Emanuel asked for questions or comments from the floor. David Moriarty from Winnicutt Rd. asked to clarify if this motion was about putting Town sewerage in. He also asked about the cost and David Canada explained that the costs would be paid by the users, which will be in the Commercial District only. George Miller from Crestview Terrace commented that he was the Chair for the Water Commission when it formed in 1996 and he was also the chairman when they made it Public Works. Mr. Miller feels the infrastructure is very important, and that the basis of all infrastructures is sewer and water. Mr. Miller supports this Article. Patrick Abrami from Tall Pines commented about how Stratham is a nice, small, rural community, and that public water and sewer will change the Town. He feels that this will open the door to a different town from what we have now. David Canada responded that this is only for the Commercial District, and the Commercial District will

not be expanded. It will just intensify the use, but not increase it. With no other questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 9 passed.

Article 10: Water Studies

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars and no cents ($40,000.00) for the purpose of conducting further studies of the water resources, waste water, and storm water needs and related utilities to enhance the current General Commercial District. This is a Special Warrant Article, which will be non-lapsing until this purpose is accomplished, but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. The Public Works Commission also supports this Article. Selectman David Canada moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman Tim Copeland seconded the motion. David Canada spoke to the motion along with John Boisvert of the Public Works Commission. With no questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 10 passed.

Article 11: Unitil Solar Lease

To see if the Town will ratify the long-term lease agreement between the Town and Unitil Corporation, its successors and assigns for the construction and operation of a solar array and associated generation equipment on Town Property located at 4 Winnicutt Road (Tax Map 11, Lot 36). Unitil Corporation and the Board of Selectmen have agreed to a lease of the rooftop of the Stratham Fire Department Building to site at least a 40 Kw solar array for a term of twenty (20) years, which includes easements reasonably required to implement the proposed use such as easements to provide access and utilities to the site. The lease includes other terms the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. Selectman Bruno Federico moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman Tim Copeland seconded the motion. Bruno spoke to the motion, and Dave Emanuel asked for questions and comments from the floor. John Sapienza from Raeder Dr. raised several concerns that he had, which consisted of maintenance of the roof and the panels, structural concerns on whether the panels will damage the Firehouse roof, and economic concerns on how much this will or will not save in electricity fees. He requested that this Article be turned down. David Canada responded to John's concerns. He stated that there would be engineering studies done to ensure that the roof will not be damaged, but they have to first enter into a contract with Unitil before they spend money on further studies. The voters are only approving the lease agreement between the Town and Unitil. The Selectmen will ensure that anything that is done will be in the best interest of the Town. Paul Deschaine also spoke for the motion and explained about the new rules and legislation that makes this motion possible. He further explained that without Town Meeting vote, per State Statute, the Selectmen can only enter into a lease for one year. The residents are voting on allowing the Selectmen to enter into a twenty- year lease with Unitil. Matt O'Keefe from Portsmouth Ave. spoke for Caroline Robinson, who could not be there. He spoke for the motion, as well as stating how much work Caroline has put into this, and she is for it as well. Patty Lovejoy from Coach Rd. stated that the Exeter High School got approval for solar panels. There is a valid concern regarding the membranes on the roof, and it is

still being considered on whether the roof can support the solar panels. The High School may be putting the panels on the ground rather than the roof. Mike Welty from Walters Way explained there would be no holes in the roof at the Fire Station. He explained the system they are looking at is a non-penetrating system, which will be sitting on the roof as a balance system. Janice Wayne from Depot Rd. asked to clarify what the vote means on this Article. David Canada explained that the voters would be giving the Selectmen permission to enter into a twenty-year lease with Unitil. Brad Jones from Winnicutt Rd. spoke against the Article. He is a roofing contractor. Brad stated he is on the Board of Directors for the National Roofing Contract Association and has attended many seminars on solar panels. He stated they are vastly over-rated. He also stated the Firehouse roof is a single-ply membrane that is easily damaged. Martin Wool from Winnicutt Rd. stated that he agrees with Mr. Sapienza. Mr. Wool's concern is for the Fire Station, and he does not want to see the building put in a compromising position. Paul Deschaine explained that any damage done during installation would be insured by the contractor doing the installation. Jordan Ambargis from Humes Court asked if the Selectmen have the authority to stop the project from proceeding if it is determined that there is damage to the roof. David Canada explained the voters would be giving the Selectmen the authority to negotiate with Unitil. George Doran from Drumlin Dr. asked if it is standard operating procedure to approve an Article like this without the substance of engineering studies. David Canada responded that the voters have to place a certain amount of trust in the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the contract in good faith, and that they will have the best interest of the Town in mind. Lissa Ham from Dumbarton Oaks asked what would be the financial benefit to the Town. She asked if there would be a rate reduction for the Firehouse from Unitil. Paul Deschaine stated there is no reduction from Unitil. Lissa recommends a financial analysis during the twenty-year lease. The Board of Selectmen stated they would take that into consideration. Mr. Rubin from Parkman Brook Lane asked how long the solar panels would last. Paul Deschaine responded that the warranty period is twenty years, but it is not uncommon to get another ten to twenty years after that. Mike Welty from Walters Way also stated there would be very good productivity after twenty years and that they should still be running at eighty percent effectiveness. The Town will only be paying $1.00 for the solar panels after twenty years, and that is a bargain with the amount of usage that the panels will have left in them. Ted Bedford from Peninsula Dr. asked how long it would take to get a formal agreement from Unitil once the Selectmen get the authority to enter into the lease. David Canada responded the earliest would be ninety days. David Canada also explained that this proposal from Unitil would not be available next year.

George Miller from Crestview Terrace explained how the utilities are run by the Public Utility Commission. Utilities only earn on the plan they have in service. Cheryl Ewart from Smith Farm Rd. commented on how grateful she is that the Selectmen are looking to save money for the Town by investigating solar panels for this year, and investigating a cell tower last year. Both ventures would save money to the Town and its residents, and for this, she is grateful. Eddy Meckel from Pinewood Dr. asked if there is a possibility of placing the solar panels on a different building. Paul Deschaine responded that they did initially explore the roof of the Municipal Center, and that did not pan out as the Municipal Center is comprised of five different additions and the roof would not support the solar panels. A newly constructed building such as the Firehouse is the most optimal structure to put the panels on. Mike Welty from Walters Way commented on snow removal for the panels. He stated that the Town is not going to have to

send anyone up on the roof of the Firehouse to remove snow from the panels. The panels will actually melt the snow. Jim Scamman from Portsmouth Ave. asked if the panels can be placed somewhere other than the roof. He also suggested that when the Community Center is built in a couple of years, why not just build it with the solar display already on top of it. With no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 11 passed.

Article 12: 300th Anniversary Committee

To see if the Town will vote to create a committee of five (5) members and up to five (5) alternates, all of whom to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to study, investigate, organize, and prepare for the Town of Stratham's 300th Anniversary to occur in the year 2016. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. Selectman David Canada moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman Tim Copeland seconded the motion. David Canada spoke for the motion, and asked if there was anyone interested in being part of this committee to please let the Selectmen know. Bob Goodrich of Portsmouth Ave. asked when is the anniversary, and David Canada responded it is in the year "2016". With no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 12 passed.

Article 13 – Accrued Benefits Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cents ($20,000.00) to be deposited into the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund as created by the March 16, 2007 Town Meeting to meet the currently unfunded obligations of the Town. This is a Special Warrant Article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from the appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI). The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. Selectman Bruno Federico moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman David Canada seconded the motion. Bruno Federico spoke for the motion. With no questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 13 passed.

Article 14 – Change Purposes of the Land Conservation fund

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to use the Land Conservation Fund to purchase, acquire, maintain, improve, and protect natural resources within the Town of Stratham pursuant to RSA 36-A. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. The Conservation Commission also supports this Article. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman David Canada seconded the motion. Tim Copeland spoke for the motion. Pat Elwell from Strawberry Lane, Chairperson for Stratham Conservation Commission also spoke for the motion. Anna Decarteret from Glengarry Dr. asked to clarify the definition of "improvement" in reference to this Article. Pat Elwell responded that the Conservation Commission is very careful about maintaining costs, and any kind of "improvement" would be discussed at great length within the Commission. Pat also invited everyone to attend these meetings, and they are held every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00

p.m. at the Municipal Center. David Moriarty from Winnicutt Rd. asked if this Article concerns privately owned property or Town property. Pat responded that it primarily concerns Town owned property.

They are looking at the Town Forest, and a piece of property down by the Squamscott River. With no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question; the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 14 Passed.

Article – 15 – Naming the Town Forest after Gordon Barker

To see if the Town will vote to name the Town Forest created by Article 18 of the March 11, 1994 Town Meeting as the "Gordon Barker Town Forest" in the memory of Gordon Barker who was instrumental in many ways of bettering the community, not the least of which was the acquisition of the so-called Gifford Property, which is the site of the Town Forest. This Article is intended to honor Gordon Barker's memory in recognition of his many years of service to the Town of Stratham. The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote. The Conservation Commission also supports this Article. Selectman Tim Copeland moved to accept the Article as read. Selectman Bruno Federico seconded the motion. Tim Copeland and Pat Elwell spoke for the motion. Tim stated that this gives Gordon Barker, who devoted much of his life to conservation as well as this Town, his "due honor." This will honor him as well as his memory. Pat Elwell stated that 2009 was a tough year in that the Town lost two outstanding citizens. Jerry Batchelder and Gordon Barker were long-standing members on the Conservation Commission, and were both dedicated to preserving the natural resources of the Town. Pat went on to state that Gordon was instrumental in taking action to protect the land long before it was recognized that it was an important thing to do. Gordon was also instrumental in raising awareness for the Town to purchase the Gifford property, where a portion of that land was used to build Stratham Memorial School, a portion was used to complement Stratham Hill Park, and a portion was used to complement the Town Forest. In the years that the property was purchased, thousands of people from Stratham and the surrounding communities have had the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Forest and the Park. Martin Wool from Winnicutt Road requested a standing vote in honor of Gordon Barker. Having no further questions or comments from the floor, Moderator Dave Emanuel read the question, the standing vote was unanimous in the affirmative, and Article 15 passed.

Article 16 – Vote on the definition of "Marriage"

By petition of John Polzella and 26 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, to see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President:
Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage." John Polzella from River Rd. moved to accept the Article as read. Patricia Polzella from River Rd. seconded the motion. John Polzella spoke, and wanted to make clear that they were not there to define "marriage," that the purpose of this article is to request that our congressional leaders allow us to vote on an amendment to the NH Constitution that defines "marriage." Moderator Dave Emanuel announced there is a petition to conduct a secret ballot on this Article. Howard Altschiller from Apple Way stated

that the question on this Article is an innocent sounding question that is not innocent at all. It is a wolf in sheep's clothing. He further stated that this question only has one purpose and that is to begin the process of taking away the legal rights of same sex couples to marry. That right was granted last year by the Legislature and the Governor, and became law in January 2010. He stated he is very proud that our Stratham residents; State Representatives Doug and Stella Scamman, and Trinka Russell voted against repeal of this law. Mr. Altschiller went on to say that what will be decided tonight is largely symbolic and tells the rest of the State who we are in Stratham, and what we believe in. He stated that he believes that his neighbor has the same God-given right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as he does. He also stated that he does not think that his marriage to his wife Debra should have any more or less legal standing than anyone else's marriage, gay or straight. He opposes with all his strength anything that would create citizens for less than equal in the eyes of the law. He stated that the darkest lessons of history make clear what happens when minority groups are treated by law as "less than." This law only addresses civil rights at the State level. He went on to state that today, the people slowly gaining equal rights are gays and lesbians. When he thinks about this issue, he thinks about the young black men and women in the 1960's who braved violence and hatred to walk into schools that had always been all white. When he sees those film clips today, he sees those students scared but moving forward, putting one foot in front of the other, because that is how civil rights progressed, one-step at a time. Mr. Altschiller stated "Let's not take a step backward today. Let's step forward together and affirm that all men and women are created equal." He asked everyone to vote against Article 16. Trinka Russell from Dundee Circle, who is one of Stratham's State Representative's spoke against the motion, as did Carol Hazekamp from Dumbarton Oaks, Michael Perfit from Winnicutt Rd., and Esteban Rubens from Parkman Brook Lane. Karen Daniel from Winnicutt Rd. asked for a clarification from the Moderator. She asked if we could indefinitely table the petition.

Moderator Dave Emanuel stated that to table the motion would supersede all other motions. Karen then made a motion to indefinitely postpone this petition. It was seconded by Pat Elwell. Karen stated that this entire vote is simply to make a statement about what Stratham thinks about it. Karen also stated that she does not think we want to sink to that level of voting on whether we should vote on someone's rights. Moderator Dave Emanuel then stated that the motion before the floor was to table this Article indefinitely, the vote was taken in the affirmative, and Article 16 was tabled indefinitely.

Article 17 – Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Selectman David Canada thanked all the member of Boards/Commissions and Committees for their innumerable contributions throughout the year. He specifically thanked the members' commitment of the Gateway Subcommittee for passage of the Gateway Commercial District Zoning Amendment after many years of hard work. He also thanked Caroline Robinson for her persistence in working on the solar project for the Fire Station. Dave also thanked Chief Robert Law, and Assistant Chief Dave Emanuel who are retiring after many years, for their dedication and hard work to the Volunteer Fire Department. Dave also mentioned that anyone interested in serving on any Board/Commission or Committee should apply by letter or application to the

Board of Selectmen by Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Applications are available at the Town Offices and online at our new website: www.strathamnh.gov. Dave also welcomed the new Chief of Police; Chief John Scippa and our new Town Planner, Lincoln Daley. Dave Canada also welcomed our new Park Ranger, Kim Woods. Selectman Tim Copeland announced that the Conservation Commission would be holding their annual clean-up day on the morning of Saturday, April 24th. They will welcome all help from individual residents and groups like Boy and Girl Scouts. When you come to Stratham Hill Park, you will be assigned an area to clean up and be given a safety vest, plastic gloves, and a trash bag. The pick up will start at 9:00 a.m. and will end around noon followed by a free barbeque at the Park for everyone who participates. Tim also thanked everyone who supported him in his recent run for Selectman. He stated that he appreciates being able to keep the job that he loves so much. Selectman Bruno Federico announced the award of a NH Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant in the amount of $92,504.00. This will go to new windows and added insulation at the Municipal Center. Town Administrator Paul Deschaine expressed his gratitude to the Board and residents for the recognition that he received with the dedication of the Town Report. He also wanted to thank his wife, Mikki, who has supported him throughout his career and added he would not have been able to do the things that he has done without her patience and tolerance. He also wished to thank the current Board of Selectmen, as well as the past boards. He also thanked the staff members, both present and past, who have guided him, and who contributed so much on a daily basis, and to all the volunteers who he has known and worked with during the past twenty years. Selectman David Canada also announced the continuation of the Stratham Pocket Gardeners. They are a broad network of volunteers who seek to care for and maintain the current public gardens in Town. Gardens currently exist at Stratham Hill Park and the Municipal Center. He announced anyone interested in joining in on the fun can sign up by sending an email to strathampocketgardeners@comcast.net. He also wanted to thank Melanie McGrail for volunteering to coordinate this effort. David also wanted to thank all who responded to the Town's needs during the February windstorm. He stated that our collective response demonstrated our resolve yet again during adversity with neighbor helping neighbor as a community should. He also mentioned our new website, and also wanted to thank Lesley Kimball who was instrumental in getting it up and running. Dave also asked any newly elected Town Officers to come forward after the meeting to be sworn in. Moderator Dave Emanuel announced that his wife is expecting their second son. Dave then entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce L. Charbonneau
Town Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Municipal Center on Tuesday, on the eighth day of March 2011, next at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: – To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section II. Definitions, Subsection 2.1.70 Structure and insert new subsection, Subsection 2.1.79 Yard Sale in order to further clarify and define said terms.

Delete Section 2.1.70 Structure as it now reads:

~~2.1.70 Structure: Anything constructed or erected, the use of which demands its permanent location on the land, or anything attached to something permanently located on the land. This definition shall include the tank and leaching bed of a septic system (but not the lateral fill extension of a leach field). (Rev. 3/90)~~

By replacing the current language to read as follows:

2.1.70 Structure. Anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, or attached to something having a fixed location on or in the ground. Structure includes, but are not limited to, buildings, mobile home, bridges, trestles, towers, framework, hoop houses, tanks or group of tanks exceeding a total of 500 gallons, tunnels, stadiums, platforms, shelters, piers, wharfs, signs, fences and retaining walls over six feet (6') in height, swimming pools, or the like. Where Stratham Zoning Ordinance is silent, then the most current edition of the State Building Code shall be assumed to apply.

And in connection therewith, add new subsection, Section 2.1.79 Yard Sale to read as follows:

2.1.79 Yard Sale.

The occasional sale of personal property at a residence conducted by one or more families in a neighborhood or on a public/private way. Yard sales do not exceed three (3) consecutive days in length, are not conducted more often than three (3) consecutive weeks per calendar year. Yard sales are also known as garage sales, stoop sales, or the like.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend the Zoning Ordinance in its' entirety in order to revise/update all Tax Map and Parcel numbers and references to correspond with the 2010 Tax Map conversion.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 2. Definitions, Section 3.8 Gateway Commercial Business District, and Section 7. Signs to further define and clarify the types of and design standards for signage within the Gateway Commercial Business District.

Amend Section II. Definitions by adding the proposed language to read as follows and then renumbering Section II. accordingly:

Animated sign: Any sign which includes action or motion, such as changing electronic sign or electronic message center. For purposes of this Article, this term does not refer to flashing, changing or indexing.

Awning: A removable shelter of canvas, metal or similar material extending over a doorway or window to provide shelter from natural elements.

Building Face or Wall: All window and wall or façade areas of a building in one (1) plane or elevation.

Canopy (or marquee): A permanent roof-like shelter extending from part or all of a building face over a public right-of-way and constructed of a durable material such as metal, glass or plastic.

Flag: Banners that represent a nation, state or other political or corporate entity.

Frontage, Building: The linear length of a building parallel to or closely facing the right-of-way.

Sign, Awning: A sign painted on or attached flat or flush against the surface of the awning, but not extending above, below or beyond the awning or attached to the underside. The copy area on awnings is computed as all or a portion of the allowed wall sign area.

Sign, Banner: A temporary sign of lightweight material (paper, plastic or fabric) hung either with or without frames. Flags and insignias containing markings of any government, corporation or business are not considered banners, and are defined as flags.

Sign, Canopy or Marquee: Any sign attached to or part of a canopy or marquee. The copy area on such signs is computed as all or a portion of the allowed wall sign area.

Sign, Directional: Signage which is necessary for on-site public safety and convenience.

Sign, Directory: Signs which are necessary to identify and locate occupants of a building, including office buildings, residences, and church directories.

Sign, Freestanding / Monument: A sign established on a freestanding frame, mast or pole and not attached to any building. Where such signs are established back to back, the larger face shall be calculated for the purposes of determining allowable area. Also known as detached sign, freestanding sign, pole sign, ground sign and pylon sign.

Sign, Height: The vertical distance measured from the adjacent undisturbed grade of the sign to the highest point of the sign.

Sign, Historic Marker Sign: A marker that identifies an historic place, person event or date and is erected by a historical organization or by a government agency.

Sign, Illuminated: Any sign which emanates light either by means of exposed tubing, electrical bulbs, fluorescent lights, neon tubes or lamps on its surface, or by means of illumination transmitted through the sign faces. Any decorative lighting that is used expressly for the purpose of advertisement shall be constructed as a sign.

Sign, Landmark: An older sign of artistic or historic merit, uniqueness, or extraordinary significance, as identified by the local historic commission or society. The character of landmark signs warrants their preservation in original condition, or their restoration.

Sign, Nonconforming sign: Any sign which was lawfully established prior to the date this Article was adopted, and which fails to conform to the specifications of this Article.

Sign, Parking: Signs that identify available spaces or areas for parking of vehicles. Parking signs are deemed "Directional signs" for the purposes of this Article.

Sign, Permanent: A permanent sign is any sign established for a period of greater than six (6) months.

Sign, Political: Signs that advertise a candidate, party, position or other political issue. The provisions of RSA Chapter 664 are incorporated herein by reference.

Sign, Portable: Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or a building. Also see "contractor job sign," "temporary sign."

Sign, Projecting: A sign attached to a building or other structure and extending in whole or in part more than fourteen (14) inches beyond the building.

Sign, Real Estate: A temporary non-electrical ground or wall sign that either:

a. Advertises the on-site sale, rental or lease of a premises or a portion thereof; or

b. The off-site advertising (including balloons) of an open house.

Sign Structure: Any framework, either freestanding or an integral part of the building, which supports or is capable of supporting any sign, including decorative cover.

Sign, Temporary: Any sign established for any period of less than six (6) months.

Sign, Utility: These signs are noncommercial in nature and identify the location of gas lines, water lines or phone cables, often warning of the potential hazard of digging or excavation in the immediate area.

Sign, Wall: Any sign attached parallel to the building wall or other surface to which it is mounted that does not extend more than fourteen (14) inches from said surface and has only one (1) sign face that is intended to be read parallel to the wall or other surface to which it is mounted. This sign also includes any sign established on any other part of a building provided that the sign is on a plane parallel to the wall of the building. Wall signs may not project above the top of a parapet, wall or the roof line at the wall, whichever is highest. A wall sign is also that sign established on a false wall or false roof that does not vary more than thirty (30) degrees from the plane of the building's parallel wall.

Sign, Window: A sign that is applied to or attached to the exterior or interior of a window or located in such a manner within a building that is visible from the exterior of the building through a window, but excludes merchandise in a window display.

And in connection therewith, amend Section 3.8.7(f) by deleting the existing language and adding the following:

f. Signage Standards

Design, color, materials, size, and placement are all important in creating signs that are architecturally attractive and integrated into the overall site design. Signs that are compatible with the surroundings and effectively communicate a message will promote a quality visual environment. The following design standards will be used as a basis for review of sign permits and the management of signs. Except as otherwise stated in this ordinance, signage for development in the GCBD shall comply with the signage standards in Section VII of the Zoning Ordinance.

i. General Standards.

a. Design signs in harmony with the style and character of the development and as an integral design component of the building architecture, building materials, landscaping, and overall site development.

b. Signs should be clear, informative to the public and should weather well.

c. All signs shall be maintained in good repair, including the display surface, which shall be kept neatly painted or posted.

d. Sign letters and materials should be professionally designed and fabricated.

e. Exposed conduit and tubing is prohibited. All transformers and other equipment shall be concealed.

f. The exposed back of all signs visible to the public shall be suitably finished and maintained.

ii. Placement

a. Signs should be generally free of obstructions when viewed from different angles. However, trees or other landscaping that grows to a point that it obstructs the view of a sign or makes it illegible shall not be grounds for removal or trimming of the plant(s).

b. The physical placement of signs on a building within the GCBD shall be as important in perpetuating the New England Village theme as the sign composition itself. To maximize the effectiveness of signs and a building's architecture, every sign shall be required to be an integral part of its building.

c. Signs shall be located with respect to the basic architectural framework of the building, so as not to obscure the primary elements (door and window openings and decorative facade treatments) of a building's framework.

iii. Sign composition.

The visual style of a sign is determined by the relationship of its lettering, colors, lighting, and material used. Within the defined GCBD theme, a great range of variations exist among these elements. The design standards set forth herein constitute general design criteria to be followed when determining conformity with the New England Village theme.

a. Lettering.

i. No more than two (2) lettering styles shall be permitted per sign.

ii. Letters may be attached to the building facade.

iii. Light-colored letters on a dark background are preferred. Dark letters on a light back ground shall only be permitted if it compliments the building's color composition.

iv. Lettering and signboards shall be located so as not to obstruct architectural detailing on the building face.

v. Product trademarks are discouraged; however, trade signs (e.g., a shoe for a cobbler, a mortar and pestle for a druggist) are preferred.

vi. Letter styles shall be limited to the classic genre, i.e., Copper plate Gothic, Times, Franklin Gothic, Benton, Clarendon, Haas Helvetica, Folio Caravelle Medium, Windsor, and Times Roman.

vii. The size of the lettering shall be in proportion to both the sign configuration and the building.

b. Color.

i. No more than three (3) colors are preferred, including black/white. Lettering shall preferably be one (1) color.

ii. Colors used in signage should relate to the color composition of the building material and be compatible with them.

iii. The determination of sign color must relate to the degree of contrast between the sign lettering and sign background.

c. Materials.

i. Traditional materials, such as wood, glass, brass, bronze or iron, are preferred. The use of plastic, aluminum and vinyl will only be permitted if styled and composed to imitate wood or iron.

ii. Wooden sign shall be constructed of dense, clear wood that adapts to engraving/carving and paint or stain. Ordinary plywood will not withstand exposure; therefore, only overlay, exterior or marine plywood shall be permitted.

iv. Sign Illumination

a. The light from an illuminated sign shall not be of an intensity or brightness that will create glare or other negative impact on residential properties in direct line of sight to the sign.

b. Whenever indirect lighting fixtures are used (fluorescent or incandescent), care shall be taken to properly shield the light source to prevent glare from spilling over into residential areas and any public right-of-way.

c. Internally illuminated plastic box "canned" signs are prohibited. Individually illuminated channel letters are acceptable.

d. Signs shall not have blinking, flashing, or fluttering lights, or other illumination devices that have a changing light intensity, brightness, or color.

e. Light sources shall utilize energy efficient fixtures to the greatest extent possible.

And in conjunction therewith, delete Section 7.2 General Regulations in its entirely and replace with the following language:

7.2 GENERAL REGULATIONS

7.2.1 Sign Table: Table 7.3 lists the types, sizes, and locations of permitted signs according to the use of property and zoning districts. Any sign not specifically listed shall not be permitted. The following exceptions are permitted:

a. Agricultural Sign, Temporary / Seasonal:

i. Shall require a permit and may be placed off-site and within a Town right-of-way only with the permission of the Board of Selectmen, and a letter granting approval for the location from the owner of the property of which the sign is located in front of.

ii. Placement shall not exceed 7 months continuously for a season with an additional 30 contiguous or non-contiguous days for the sale of agricultural products.

iii. If located within a Town right-of-way shall not exceed six (6) square feet.

iv. If located on private property any sign shall be limited to twelve (12) square feet.

b. Contractor's Sign: As defined in Section II., shall be required to obtain a permit and comply with the conditions listed below and the provisions outlined in Section 7.3.

i. The signs may not be placed on the property prior to fifteen (15) days before the expected start of construction or upon issuance of a building permit (whichever is later) nor maintained on the property beyond fifteen (15) days after completion of work or upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (whichever is earlier).

ii. No more than one sign per contractor may be placed on the site and the total area of all contractors' signage shall not exceed thirty-two (32) sq. ft.

iii. Contractor signs shall not be illuminated.

iv. Signs, which advertise for a contractor who does continual maintenance or service of a site, shall not be allowed.

c. Development signs:

As defined in Section II., shall require a permit and may not be placed on the property prior to fifteen (15) days before the expected start of development activity nor maintained on the property beyond fifteen (15) days after issuance of the final certificate of occupancy or four (4) years from the original date of issue. The CEO may issue additional sign permits on an annual basis only beyond the original permit, if he finds that significant sales activity is taking place on the site. Significant sales activity may be determined to be a staffed sales office, regular on-site sales staff hours for lots or new units or continued new-unit construction activities.

d. Directional Signs:

In any zone signs not exceeding two (2) square feet per sign in area to point direction to residences, businesses, other allowed uses or meeting places or for directing traffic into or out of a site are permitted.

e. Governmental Signs:

Signs erected by the municipal, State, or federal governments, which are required for the public safety and welfare shall be allowed.

f. Real Estate Signs: As defined in Section II., and four (4) sq. ft. or smaller in size do not need to obtain a permit as long as they comply with the conditions listed below and the provisions outlined in Section 7.3. (Rev. 3/93) Any sign in excess of four (4) sq. ft. shall require a permit.

i. Real estate signs may only advertise the property on which they are situated.

ii. Real estate signs may not be illuminated.

iii. There may be no more than one sign per street frontage.

iv. The signs must be removed within fifteen (15) days of consummation of the sale or lease.

v. A portable real estate open house sign not to exceed two (2) square feet may be placed off-site only on the day of the open house and no longer than one (1) hour before and thirty (30) minutes after the open house is taking place.

g. Service/Civic Association Signs:

Service and civic associations, defined as organizations established by local citizens and which have non-profit tax status, may apply to the Board of Adjustment for a special exception to erect signs in the municipality providing that the following conditions are met: (1) an individual sign is no larger than four (4) square feet, (2) the organization has written permission for placement of the sign from the landowner, and (3) the sign will not cause a safety hazard or have a visual effect on the surroundings.

h. Yard Sale Signs:

Do not need to obtain a permit as long as they comply with the conditions listed below.

i. Yard sale signs may not be placed prior to three (3) days before the sale and must be removed within 1 day after the sale.

ii. They may not exceed six (6) square feet and may not be illuminated.

iii. The signs may be placed off premises for noncommercial sales related to a single residential dwelling unit (or informal joint sales among neighbors) only provided they are not placed on utility poles and are not a distraction to traffic.

i. Gateway Commercial Business District Signage: Except as otherwise stated Section 3.8.7.f, signage for development in the GCBD shall comply with the signage standards stated below.

i. Awning/Canopies

1. One sign with lettering per business shall be permitted on an awning or canopy, and logos shall be permitted on all awnings and canopies, provided that:

a. The letter and logo height does not exceed 50% of the diagonal portion of the awning or canopy.

b. The letter and logo height is located on the vertical flap and does not exceed eight inches.

c. The letter and logo area does not exceed 15% of the area of the diagonal portion of the awning or canopy.

d. The signage shall only be on first-floor awnings and canopies.

2. Awnings and canopies shall be aesthetically compatible with the building and consistent with each other.

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4. Awnings and canopies shall be kept in good order and repair.

5. All awning and canopies shall be made of cloth or canvas.

6. A business cannot have a wall sign and awning/canopy with lettering.

ii. Directory Signs

1. Permitted only for upper story non-residential uses.

2. Area shall be a maximum of twelve (12) square feet located by the main entrance to the upper floors.

3. Letter height shall not exceed four (4) inches.

iii. Hanging Signs

1. One sign is permitted per business per street frontage that is attached perpendicular to the street in addition to the wall signage.

2. Area shall be a maximum of ten (10) square feet.

3. Letter/logo height shall be a maximum of six (6) inches.

4. Hanging signage must be located below the second story floor line.

iv. Street Address Signage

1. Street address signage is required on each building or individual tenant.

2. Numbers shall be a maximum of eight (8) inches in height.

v. Wall Signage:

1. One of the three below for each street frontage of each business:

a. Internally-lit raised letters with concealed ballast.

b. Back-lit raised letters with concealed ballast.

c. Signage board with gooseneck lighting.

2. Area shall be 80% of the linear lessee frontage to a maximum of thirty (30) square feet.

3. Wall signage is also permitted for walls facing rear parking areas with the same area as permitted on the front façade.
4. Wall signage must be located below the second story floor line.

vi. Window Lettering/Sign:

1. All window lettering/signs for businesses shall be inside the window and only on first floor windows.
2. Window lettering/signs shall not exceed 15% of the window area.
3. Window lettering or signs shall pertain only to the establishment occupying premise where window located.

And in connection therewith, amend Sections 7.2.2 Sign Permits and 7.2.3 Prohibited Signs by adding the following underlined language:

7.2.2 Sign Permits:

b. All new signage, related to any new development, which may require Site Plan Review or Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Section 3.8 and not exempted in section 7.2.1 shall receive Planning Board approval prior to the issuance of any permit.

7.2.3 Prohibited Signs:

i. Internally illuminated signs may be permitted only in the General Commercial, Gateway Commercial Business District, Commercial/Light Industry/Office and Industrial-zoning districts for certain permitted uses.

And in connection therewith, amend Sections 7.3 Table of Permitted Signs by adding the following underlined language:

7.3 TABLE OF PERMITTED SIGNS (continued)

		PROJECTING SIGNS:		FREE STANDING:		ILLUMINATION:	
Gateway Commercial Business District (GCBD) With Principal Building Frontage on Rte 108 / Portsmouth Ave.	**Maximum Aggregate Area (A)**	**Height Min/Max**	**Minimum Feet to Curb**	**Maximum Height**	**Min. Feet to Lot Line**	**External Illum.**	**Internal Illum.**
Businesses, Professional Offices, Restaurants, and Other Office Uses: (not in shopping centers)	(B)	N/A	N/A	15'	0'-15' Central Zone 8'-25' Outer Zone	Yes	Yes
Shopping Centers and similar Multiple-Use Developments: (comprised of four or more distinct operations under different proprietorship which make use of a common driveway and/or parking area)	(B)	20'	100'	30'	0'-15' Central Zone 8'-25' Outer Zone	Yes	Yes
Industrial and Office Park Identification Signs: (Not for individual buildings or uses)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial and Office Buildings:	30 sq. ft.	8'-16'	N/A	16'	0'-15' Central Zone 8'-25' Outer Zone	Yes	Yes
Retail and Service Operations: (permitted as a special exception in the Industrial District only)	2 sq. ft.	8'	N/A	10'	0'-15' Central Zone 8'-25' Outer Zone	No	No

Explanatory Notes

A. With the exception of Note B, the maximum aggregate area is the sum of attached, projecting, and/or freestanding signs. In no case can all of the sign areas exceed the maximum aggregate area.

B. One square foot of a sign area is allowed for each linear foot of principal store frontage of each individual business. In addition, one free standing sign of up to 100 square feet is allowed to identify the shopping center.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section XI. Wetlands Conservation District, Section 12.4.3, and 18.7 Water Courses in conformance with the New Hampshire Statutes Annotated 482-A, New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Section Env-Wt 301, and related text changes for clarification and consistency with said Statutes with the following:

Replace the Zoning Ordinance, Section XI Wetlands Conservation District in its entirety and insert the following language:

SECTION XI: WETLANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT (OVERLAY)

11.1 PURPOSES

In the interest of public health, convenience, safety, and welfare, the regulations of this District are intended to provide guidance for the use of areas of the land with standing water or extended periods of high water tables:

11.1.1 To control the development of structures and land uses on naturally occurring wetlands, which would contribute to the pollution of surface and ground water by sewage.

11.1.2 To prevent the destruction of natural wetlands which provide flood protection, recharge the ground water supply and the augmentation of stream flow during dry periods.

11.1.3 To prevent unnecessary or excessive expenses to the Town to provide and maintain essential service and utilities which arise because of unwise use of wetlands,

11.1.4 To encourage those uses that can be appropriately and safely located in wetlands.

11.1.5 To preserve wetlands for other ecological reasons such as those cited in RSA 482-A:1. (Rev. 3/91)

11.1.6 To preserve and enhance those aesthetic values associated with wetlands of this Town.

11.2 AREA

11.2.1 The Stratham Wetlands Conservation District: Is defined as those areas of the Town that contain marshes, ponds, bogs, lakes, and wetlands as defined in Env-Wt 301.01(a).

The location of a wetland boundary in any particular case must be determined by an onsite field delineation. Wetlands shall be delineated on the basis of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetlands hydrology in accordance with the techniques outlined in the Corp of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1, January 1987 as amended. Poorly and very poorly drained soil types shall be determined in accordance with Site-Specific Soil Mapping Standards for New Hampshire and Vermont (SSSNE Special Publication No. 3) as amended and updated. These data shall be prepared and stamped by a wetland scientist as certified by the New Hampshire Board of Natural Scientist.

The Stratham Wetlands Conservation District shall also include the borders of tidal marshes of the Squamscott River and Great Bay. Said borders are hereby defined as those areas adjacent to the Squamscott River and Great Bay with elevations of eight (8) feet or less above mean sea level (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929).

11.2.2 The District as herein approximately depicted on a map designated as the "Town of Stratham Wetlands Conservation District Map" and is a part of the official Zoning Map. A field delineation prepared by a certified wetland scientist shall be required to determine the actual location of wetlands.

For a detailed explanation of soil types, refer to "Soils and Their Interpretation for Various Land Uses, Town of Stratham, Rockingham County, New Hampshire" on file with the Planning Board and the Soil Conservation Service in Exeter, N.H.

11.2.3 In all cases where the Wetland Conservation District is superimposed over another zoning district in the Town of Stratham, that district whose regulations are the most restrictive shall apply.

11.2.4 In case the Building Inspector questions the validity of the boundaries of a wetland depicted by a wetland scientist on any particular piece of property, the Planning Board may call upon the services of its wetland scientist to examine said area and report his findings to the Planning Board for confirmation of the boundary.

11.3 PERMITTED USES:

11.3.1 Permitted uses in areas containing wetlands and within the tidal marsh borders of the Squamscott River and Great Bay as herein defined are as follows:

a. Any Use Otherwise Permitted: By the Zoning Ordinance and State and federal laws that does not involve the erection of a structure or that does not alter the surface configuration of the land by the addition of fill or by dredging except as a common treatment associated with a permitted use;

b. Agriculture: Including grazing, hay production, truck gardening and silage production provided that such use is shown not to cause significant increases in surface or groundwater contamination by pesticides or other toxic or hazardous substances and that such use will not cause or contribute to soil erosion;

c. Forestry and Tree Farming: To include the construction of access roads for said purpose. In areas herein defined as tidal marsh borders, the cutting of trees shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of live trees in a 20-year period;

d. Wildlife Habitat: Development and management;

e. Recreational Uses Consistent with the purpose and intent of this Section;

f. Conservation Areas: And nature trails;

g. Water Impoundment: And the construction of well water supplies;

h. Drainage ways: To include streams, creeks, or other paths of normal runoff water and common agricultural land drainage.

11.3.2 Permitted uses in areas containing very poorly drained soils, marshes, bogs, open water, and major streams are as follows:

a. Uses specified: Under Section 11.3.1, (a-h) shall be permitted except that no alteration of the surface configuration of the land by filling or dredging and no use which results in the erection of a structure, except as provided for in Section 11.3.2 (b) below, shall be permitted.

b. The Construction of Fences, Footbridges, Catwalks and Wharves Only: provided: 1) said structures are constructed on posts or pilings so as to permit the unobstructed flow of water; 2) structures do not obstruct navigation on tidal creeks; 3) the natural contour of the wetland is preserved; and 4) the Planning Board has reviewed and approved the proposed construction.

11.4 CONDITIONAL USES

11.4.1 A Conditional Use Permit may be granted by the Planning Board (RSA 674:21 II) for the construction of roads and other access ways, and for pipelines, powerlines, and other transmission lines provided that all of the following conditions are found to exist:

a. The proposed construction is essential to the productive use of land not within the Wetlands Conservation District;

b. Design and construction methods will be such as to minimize detrimental impact upon the wetland;

c. The proposed construction design of powerlines, pipelines, or other transmission lines includes provisions for restoration of the site as nearly as possible to its original grade and condition;

d. No alternative route, which does not cross a wetland or has less detrimental impact on the wetland is feasible;

e. Economic advantage alone is not reason for proposed construction.

11.4.2 Prior to the granting of a Conditional Use Permit under this Section, the applicant shall agree to submit a performance security to the Board of Selectmen. The Security shall be submitted in a form and amount, with surety and conditions satisfactory to the Selectmen and approved by Town Counsel to ensure that the construction has been carried out in accordance with the approved design. The Security shall be submitted and approved prior to issuance of any permit authorizing construction.

11.4.3 The Planning Board may require the applicant to submit an environmental impact assessment when necessary to evaluate an application made under this Section. The cost of this assessment shall be borne by the applicant. The Planning Board may also assess the applicant reasonable fees to cover the costs of other special investigative studies and for the review of documents required by particular applications.

11.5 SPECIAL PROVISIONS

11.5.1 Areas designated as poorly drained soils may be utilized to fulfill the minimum lot size required by Town ordinances, and subdivision regulations provided that a contiguous non-wetland area of 30,000 square feet is provided for each lot. This contiguous non-wetland area must be sufficient in size and configuration to adequately accommodate all housing and required utilities such as sewage disposal, water supply, and all applicable setbacks.

11.5.2 No very poorly drained soils or bodies of water may be used to satisfy minimum lot size.

11.5.3 The following buffer provisions shall apply: (Rev. 3/88)

a. No subsurface wastewater disposal system shall be constructed within 75 feet of any very poorly drained soil or 50 feet of any poorly drained soils.

b. All construction, forestry, and agriculture activities within 100 feet of any wetland shall be undertaken with special care to avoid erosion and siltation into the wetlands. The Planning Board may require an erosion control plan approved by the Rockingham County Conservation District for any project undertaken up-grade of a wetland. No building activity (building does not include septic systems) shall be permitted within 100 feet of any very poorly drained soil and within 50 feet of any wetland except as provided in subsection c of this section. Where required, permits from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services shall be obtained.

c. Where an existing building within the buffer zone is destroyed or in need of extensive repair, it may be rebuilt provided that such rebuilding is completed within two years of the event causing destruction. The new or rebuilt structure shall not extend further into the wetland or buffer area than the original foundation.

d. There shall be a "no-disturbance" buffer zone within twenty-five (25) feet of any wetland and fifty (50) feet of very poorly drained soils. This area will remain in its natural state and will not be subject to grading, excavation, filling or any other activity associated with the development of land.

And in connection therewith, amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 12.4.3 by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

12.4.3 Tidal Marsh: As defined in the Administrative Rules of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

And in connection therewith, amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 18.7 by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

18.7 WATERCOURSES

18.7.1 In reverie situations, prior to the alteration or relocation of a watercourse, the applicant for such authorization shall notify the Wetlands Bureau of the New Hampshire Environmental Services Department and submit copies of such notification to the Building Inspector. Further, the applicant shall be required to submit copies of said notification to those adjacent communities as determined by the Building Inspeetor.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 17.8.3 Variances to conform to the Revised Statues Annotated 674:33 and to eliminate the distinction between a "use" or "area" variance.

Replace Section 17.8.3 Variance in its entirety and insert the following language:

17.8.3 Variances:

a. As provided for in NH RSA 674:33-I(a), the Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide requests to vary the terms of this Ordinance. At the hearing on the application, the applicant shall present testimony and other evidence to establish that the conditions for a variance have been met. The decision of the Board shall be based on the evidence both written and oral which shall be presented at the hearing and as may be contained in the application. Abutters and residents shall be entitled to present testimony and other evidence to establish that the applicant either has or has not met all of the listed conditions as stated below.

b. No variance shall be granted unless all of the following conditions are met:

 i. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest.

 ii. The spirit of the ordinance is observed.

 iii. Substantial justice is done.

 iv. The values of surrounding properties are not diminished, and

 v. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

 1. For purposes of this subparagraph, "unnecessary hardship" means that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area:

 a. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property; and

 b. The proposed use is a reasonable one.

 2. If the criteria in subparagraph 1. are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it.

 3. The definition of "unnecessary hardship" set forth in this section shall apply whether the provision of the ordinance from which a variance is sought is a restriction on use, a dimensional or other limitation on a permitted use, or any other requirement of the ordinance.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?
Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 15 Growth Management & Innovative Land Use Control to conform to the Statues Annotated 674:22 to include a sunset or defined termination date.

Add new sections, Section 15.9 Severability, 15.10 Effective Date, and 15.11 Sunset to read as follows:

15.9 SEVERABILITY

Should any part of this ordinance be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court, such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other part of this ordinance, and, to such end. All articles, sections and provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

15.10 EFFECTIVE DATE

Adoption of this ordinance includes the repeal of all prior growth management ordinances currently in effect. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption and shall be reviewed by the Planning Board annually, to determine if the ordinance shall be relaxed or ended.

15.11 SUNSET

This ordinance shall expire on March 31, 2014 unless amended to remain in effect beyond that date.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.6 Table of Uses, D. Agricultural / Forestry Uses in conformance with RSA 674:32-c allowing farming uses in all zoning districts.

Amend the use designation of "S" (Special Exception) for farming uses within the Town Center Zoning District and Industrial Zoning District to "P" (Permitted) to read as follows:

USES:	ZONING DISTRICT							
C. OUTDOOR/ RECREATIONAL USES:	R/A	MAH	PRE	TC	GCM	SC	CLIO	IND
1 Forestry, Wildlife, Timber Preserves, Reservoirs, and Nature Study areas	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2 Public Parks and Playgrounds	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	S
3 Commercial Riding Stables and Riding Trails	S	S	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 Historic Building or Site open to public	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5 Recreational Camping Parks, Recreational Areas, Residential Tenting and Recreational Vehicles	S	S	X	X	X	X	X	X
D. AGRICULTURAL / FORESTRY USES:								
1 Farming including Dairying, Livestock, Animal and Poultry Raising, Crop Production, including customary accessory uses	P	P	P	S P	P	P	P	S P
2 Tree Farming, Commercial Timbering, Non-commercial Harvesting of Forest Products	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	S
E. INSTITUTIONAL USES:								
1 Private Schools, Nursery through College	S	S	X	S	S	S	S	S
2 Day-Care Facilities (Rev. 3/95)	S	S	S	S	S	S	C	S
3 Senior Citizen Centers	S	S	S	P	X	X	C	X
4 Non-profit Lodges and Fraternal Organizations	S	S	X	S	X	X	X	S
5 Hospitals, Clinics, Nursing Homes and Rehab Centers	X	X	X	S	S	S	S	S
6 Funeral Home or Parlor	X	X	X	S	S	S	S	X

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9: – Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by Robert and Barbara McLaughlin and 23 other registered voters?

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Stratham pursuant to Section 3.2 to rezone Map 17, Lot 87 (commonly known as 166 Portsmouth Avenue) from its current zoning designation of Residential / Agricultural (R/A) to the Town Center District (TC).

Please refer to the map below for more information.



The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011 AT **7:00 P.M.** AT THE **STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL, 39 GIFFORD FARM ROAD**, STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ARTICLE 10: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars ($685,000.00) for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land in the Town of Stratham, and to authorize the Selectmen and Conservation Commission to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisitions of conservation easements or open space lands pursuant to NH RSA 36-A, and to further authorize the issuance of not more than Six Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars ($685,000.00) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, and regulate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon.

A two thirds (2/3) majority ballot vote in favor is required for passage. Polls must be open for a minimum of one (1) hour.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11: – To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Five Million One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One Dollars and no cents ($5,124,991.00) to defray general town charges for the ensuing year.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 12: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Dollars and no cents ($956,000.00) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2011 as presented in the Town Report and approved by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13: – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase on behalf of the Town the property of David and Virginia Foss at 28 Bunker Hill Avenue (Tax Map 9 Lot 51) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars and no cents ($355,000.00) to fund this purchase. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 14: – Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict One Hundred Percent (100%) of revenues from the sale of cemetery lots to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing and/or improving land for public cemetery uses? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Cemetery Land Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars and no cents ($8,950.00) for the purpose of providing EMS training for the members of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department for the ensuing year, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars and no cents ($8,950.00) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 16: – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cents ($20,000.00) to be deposited into the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund as created by the March 16, 2007 Town Meeting to meet the currently unfunded obligations of the Town.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 17: – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a **Recycling Facility Participation Agreement** with the **Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative** to make a fifteen (15) year commitment to deliver single stream recyclable materials under the control of the Town pursuant to payment terms and withdrawal rights as negotiated by the Lamprey Regional Cooperative of which the Town of Stratham is a member.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 18: – To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the Heritage Preservation Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of preserving historical properties and cultural resources within the Town as authorized under RSA 674:44-b, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fund. If this Article fails, then Article 19 is null and void.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 19: – By petition of Rebecca Mitchell and 81 other registered voters of the Town of Stratham, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents ($200,000.00) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund created in the previous Article, and contingent upon the creation of said Fund.

If Article 18 fails, this Article is null and void.

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article by a vote of two to one.

ARTICLE 20: – To see if the town will vote to place the following question on the next state election ballot (Nov 6, 2012):

> Polling hours in the Town of Stratham are now 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. for all regular state elections beginning September 9, 2014?

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 21: – To see if the Town will vote to rescind its prior direction to the Board of Selectmen to print every five (5) years in the annual town report a list of assessed values of all property within the Town, and to authorize instead the Selectmen to post such a list annually on the Town website.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 22: – To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.

Selectmen of Stratham, NH

David Canada

Bruno Federico

Timothy Copeland

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

David Canada

Bruno Federico

Timothy Copeland

TOWN BUDGET

	2011 PROPOSED
Executive	$161,373
Election & Registration	$5,575
Financial Administration	$352,491
Legal Expenses	$40,000
Employee Benefits	$806,763
Planning & Zoning	$211,619
General Government Buildings	$119,346
Cemeteries	$31,892
Insurances	$78,544
Police	$851,628
Fire	$140,440
Emergency Management	$14,700
Emergency Dispatch Services	$20,700
Highways & Streets	$547,664
Street Lighting	$7,000
Solid Waste Management	$622,848
Public Works Commission	$64,800
Animal Control	$500
Pest Control	$60,000
Public Service Agencies	$47,398
Direct Assistance	$36,500
Parks	$80,779
Recreation	$94,528
Library	$373,669
Patriotic Purposes	$1,035
Conservation Commission	$1,800
Heritage Commission	$2,850
300th Anniversary Committee	$5,000
Economic Development	$9,250
Interest On TAN/BAN's	$38,753
Interest on Long-Term Debt	$295,546
Total Appropriation	$5,124,991

Board of Selectmen:
David Canada, Chair
Bruno Federico
Timothy Copeland

Budget Advisory Committee:
Lucy Cushman
Garrett Dolan
Nathan Merrill
Robert O'Sullivan
June Sawyer
Travis Thompson

STRATHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM--PROJECT SUMMARY IN $000'S
AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2011

TOWN PROJECT TITLE/DEPARTMENT	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
General Government:						
Land Conservation Fund	0	25	25	25	25	25
Municipal Center Repairs/Improvements	23.46					
Office Technologies Upgrade (digital copier)	7.5					
Computer Replacement Plan (including server replacement)	15	5	5	5	5	5
Land Acquisition for Cemeteries	41.5					
Munieipal Center Parking Lot Expansion/Improvements	50	50	50			
Town Center Grant Mateh & Improvements	25	25	25	25	25	25
Municipal Permitting & Mgmt. Finance Software System	5	30				
Protection of Persons/Property:						
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund	25	50	50	50	50	50
Public Safety Complex (debt service, principal)	250	250	250	250	250	250
Gifford Property (debt serviee, principal)	14	14	14	14	14	
Conservation/Firehouse Bond (debt service, principal)	225	225	225	225	225	225
Scamman Conservation Easement (debt service, prin.)	0	71.5	71.5	71.5	71.5	71.5
Police Computer Replacement Program	15	5	5	5	5	5
Police Vehiele Replacement Program	15	15	15			
Public Works and Highways:						
Highway Vchicle Replacement Program	50	75	75	75	75	75
Bunker Hill & Portsmouth Ave. Signalization	0		525			
Winnicutt Rd. & Portsmouth Ave. Signalization	0			450		
Road Reconstruction Program	120	185	190	195	200	200
Mower	0	8.5				
Cemetery Improvements	32	100	6			
Water and Sewer Infrastructure Planning & Study	0	50	50	50	50	50
Cultural and Recreational Activities:						
Playing Field Improvements/Future Community Center	25	250	250	250	250	250
Fire Tower Upkeep	11					
Library Computer Replacement Program	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Totals For Town Appropriations	956.0	1,440.5	1,838.0	1,697.0	1,252.0	1,238.0

STRATHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM--PROJECT SUMMARY IN $000'S
AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2011
(continued)

SCHOOL PROJECT TITLE/DEPARTMENT	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Stratham Memorial School District:						
Current Bond Payments	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Technology Infrastructure	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000	27.000
Depreciated Capital Items	120.000	120.000	120.000	120.000	120.000	120.000
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000
Grounds Depreciation (paved surfaces)	40.000	30.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
Total Stratham School District Expend.	207.000	197.000	177.000	177.000	177.000	177.000
Exeter Region Cooperative School District:						
Total Current Non-Growth Capital Expenditures	1,014.250	1,017.858	1,023.080	1,027.020	1,030.091	1,034.311
Total Growth Related Capital Expenditures	489.123	486.970	537.673	550.449	562.191	573.537
Total Exeter Region Coop. School Expend.	1,503.373	1,504.828	1,560.753	1,577.469	1,592.282	1,607.848
Total School Expenditures:	1,710.373	1,701.828	1,737.753	1,754.469	1,769.282	1,784.848
TOTAL CIP FOR TOWN OF STRATHAM	**2,666.333**	**3,142.328**	**3,575.753**	**3,451.469**	**3,021.282**	**3,022.848**

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

EXPENSES:	2010 APPROPRIATION	2010 ACTUAL	2011 PROPOSED
Executive	$152,603	$150,204	$161,373
Election & Registration	$8,875	$9,521	$5,575
Financial Administration	$333,905	$331,430	$352,491
Legal Expenses	$40,000	$40,378	$40,000
Employee Benefits	$778,609	$699,603	$806,763
Planning & Zoning	$210,431	$189,456	$211,619
General Government Buildings	$124,297	$92,754	$119,346
Cemeteries	$31,900	$27,100	$31,892
Insurances	$80,165	$80,165	$78,544
Police	$833,519	$761,700	$851,628
Fire	$143,060	$123,667	$140,440
Emergency Management	$11,800	$6,549	$14,700
Emergency Dispatch Services	$87,148	$87,076	$20,700
Highways	$574,058	$554,519	$547,664
Street Lighting	$7,000	$6,599	$7,000
Solid Waste Management	$622,628	$610,879	$622,848
Public Works Commission	$24,000	$0	$64,800
Animal Control	$250	$710	$500
Pest Control	$62,000	$62,000	$60,000
Public Service Agencies	$50,281	$50,281	$47,398
Direct Assistance	$36,500	$28,836	$36,500
Parks	$79,339	$71,793	$80,779
Recreation	$92,210	$76,634	$94,528
Library	$379,624	$379,624	$373,669
Patriotic Purposes	$1,200	$986	$1,035
Conservation Commission	$1,800	$1,741	$1,800
Heritage Commission	$3,000	$2,589	$2,850
300th Anniversary Committee	$0	$0	$5,000
Economic Development	$750	$490	$9,250
Interest On TAN/BAN's	$500	$0	$38,753
Interest on Long-Term Debt	$312,811	$312,800	$295,546
Total Appropriations	$5,084,263	$4,760,084	$5,124,991
REVENUES:			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	$60,000	$64,681	$60,000
Motor Vehicle Permits	$1,262,000	$1,251,852	$1,251,000
Business Licenses & Permits	$30,000	$125,990	$32,000
Cable TV Franchise Fee	$122,330	$122,330	$122,330
Yield Tax	$0	$0	$100
Income From Departments	$130,000	$94,340	$223,131
Rent of Town Property	$28,750	$31,550	$30,600
Sale of Town Property	$11,300	$12,750	$10,000
Shared Revenue	$10,000	$0	$0
Highway Block Grant	$150,076	$150,076	$177,724
Rooms & Meals	$322,657	$322,657	$322,657
Police Grant	$4,000	$14,965	$4,000
Interest on Investments	$1,000	$2,149	$2,500
Reimbursements	$63,800	$67,421	$25,000
Special Revenue Funds	$46,500	$46,500	$0
Trust & Agency Funds	$6,000	$6,200	$6,000
Total Revenues	$2,248,413	$2,313,461	$2,267,042

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

We continue to be very busy in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. The new E-Reg program (registering vehicles online) that we introduced in February 2010 went over very well. To date, over 435 residents have processed their vehicle renewals online! Our policy of allowing pre-payments is also very successful. We received about $90,000.00 in pre-payments from our residents and title/mortgage companies for their December 2010 tax bills. This policy also helps the Town with their cash flow in that monies are received before tax bills even go out.

In February of 2011, we will be introducing a new program where residents will now have the option of renewing their dog licenses online in addition to their vehicles.

We have started the one-check payment system for motor vehicles on January 3, 2011. Residents now only have to write one check for their motor vehicle registrations versus the two checks they used to write. This is an added convenience to our residents, and so far, the feedback is very positive. The one check system also has to be in place before credit cards can be implemented, and although there is no start date for credit card payments, it is important to have everything in place for when that time comes.

Our plan for this year is to have an internet tax kiosk for our residents that wish to pay their taxes online. This is still being researched, but we hope to implement this in the Spring of 2011. Again, this is needed before credit card payments are implemented, but at the very least, residents will be able to pay online with electronic transfers through their bank's checking account.

All of us in the Town Clerk's office feel it is important to continue to offer to our residents the latest options in processing their payments for their taxes and motor vehicles as well as staying current with the technology that is available to us. Customer service remains a top priority for all of us here, and we will continue to put forth our best efforts in making your transactions here at the Town Office as pleasant as possible for you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Charbonneau
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATIONS	$1,251,852.23
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES	$25,461.00
TITLE FEES	$2,828.00
U.C.C. FILINGS	$1,495.00
VITAL RECORDS	$4,061.00
DOG LICENSES	$8,037.50
DOG FINES	$1,148.00
DREDGE & FILL	$10.00
OTHER FILING FEES	$29.00
ON-LINE REVENUE (TOWN)	$282.10
ON-LINE FEES (EXPENSE)	$1,092.40
TOTAL COLLECTED	$1,296,296.23

REMITTED TO TREASURER

ENDING CASH IN REGISTER	$220.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Joyce L. Charbonneau
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES-- Beginning of Fiscal Year: 2010	2010	Levies of..... 2009	2008	2007
Property Taxes		$906,283.61	$0.00	$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Excavation Taxes				
Current Year Tax Credits	($41,926.13)			
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes	$22,267,567.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$29,351.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Yield Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Excavation Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS:				
Overpayments/Credits Refunded	$41,926.13			
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	$10,032.06	$42,850.74	$0.00	$0.00
TOTAL DEBITS:	$22,306,950.06	$949,134.35	$0.00	$0.00

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Property Taxes	$21,254,603.83	$540,468.32	$0.00	$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$29,351.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Yield Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Interest	$10,032.06	$42,850.74	$0.00	$0.00
Excavation Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Converted to Liens (Principal only)	$0.00	$362,296.39	$0.00	$0.00
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	$166.71	$3,518.90	$0.00	$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES-- End of Fiscal Year: 2010				
Property Taxes	$1,012,796.46	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Yield Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
This Year's Overpayment Returned	$0.00			
TOTAL CREDITS:	$22,306,950.06	$949,134.35	$0.00	$0.00

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

DEBITS

	Tax Liens on Acc't of Levies.....		
Balance of Unredeemed Liens:	2009	2008	2007
Beginning of Fiscal Year		$148,715.66	$67,827.91
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$388,337.17	$0.00	$0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	$9,366.97	$12,429.79	$16,042.40
TOTAL DEBITS	$397,704.14	$161,145.45	$83,870.31

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:			
Redemptions	$168,225.78	$46,912.33	$48,719.70
Interest/Costs Collected	$9,366.97	$12,429.79	$16,042.40
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	$460.00	$0.00	$0.00
Liens Deeded To Town	$65.53	$67.80	$52.17
Balance of Unredeemed Liens: End of Fiscal Year	$219,585.86	$101,735.53	$19,056.04
TOTAL CREDITS	$397,704.14	$161,145.45	$83,870.31

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT 2010

RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR		
2010 Property Tax & Interest		$21,264,635.89
2009 Property Tax & Interest		$734,871.03
Prior Year Tax Redemptions & Interest		$124,104.22
Current Use Land Change & Interest		$29,351.00
Overpayment of Taxes		$41,926.13
Railroad Tax		$331.30
Yield Tax & Interest (Timber Cutting)		$0.00
	Subtotal	**$22,195,219.57**
RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK		
Motor Vehicle Permits		$1,251,852.23
Municipal Agent Fees		$25,461.00
Titles		$2,828.00
Vital Records		$4,061.00
UCC Filings & Certificates		$1,495.00
Dog Licenses & Fines		$9,185.50
On-line Revenue		$282.10
Filing and Other Fees		$29.00
Dredge & Fill Permit		$10.00
	Subtotal	**$1,295,203.83**
RECEIVED FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES		
N.H. Revenue Sharing Block Grant		$0.00
N.H. Highway Block Grant		$150,076.15
N.H. Rooms & Meals Tax		$322,656.68
Emergency Management Grant		$25,363.85
FEMA Ice Storm Reimbursement		$22,682.50
Police Grants		$14,965.06
OEM Drill Reimbursement		$7,660.53
IRS Payroll Reimbursements		$17,079.77
	Subtotal	**$560,484.54**
RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Interest Income		$2,148.75
Building Permits		$82,398.64
Fire Inspections		$175.00
Transfer Station Permits		$2,326.00
Transfer Station Fees		$45,491.00
Planning Board Fees		$4,618.00
Board of Adjustment Fees		$2,360.00
Police Department Reports		$6,206.05
Recreation Programs		$12,539.00
Rent of Town Property		$31,550.00
Sale of Town Property		$3,400.97
Sale of Cemetery Lots		$7,500.00
Grave Excavation Fees		$5,350.00
Cable TV Franchise		$122,329.68
Returned Check Fines		$325.00

Recycling Program		$6,632.17
Insurance Reimbursements		$18,560.33
Reimbursement for Test Pits		$2,775.00
Reimbursement for Plan Review		$9,250.00
Overpayments and Other Reimbursements		$15,982.23
COBRA Insurance Reimbursements		$6,626.43
Donations to Police Dept. (SPOTS)		$34,175.28
Bond Anticipation Note Transfer In		$1,430,000.00
	Subtotal	**$1,852,719.53**
RECEIVED FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Transfer from EMS Fund		$3,569.15
Transfer from Trustees of the Trust Funds		$6,200.00
	Subtotal	**$9,769.15**
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2010		**$25,913,396.62**
FISCAL YEAR 2010 TRANSACTIONS		
Cash on Hand January 1, 2010		$7,638,662.41
Total Receipts for 2010		$25,913,396.62
Tax Anticipation Loan (TAN)		$0.00
TAN Pay Back & Interest		$0.00
Safety Complex Bond Principal & Interest		($393,125.00)
Investments		$0.00
Fire House & Conservation Bond Principal & Interest		($390,696.00)
Gifford Property Principal & Interest		($17,979.00)
Investment Principal Income		$0.00
Investment Interest Income		$0.00
Paid on Selectmen's Orders		($25,107,434.19)
Trustees of the Trust Funds		($96,611.88)
N.H. Public Deposit Investment Pool		$0.00
BALANCE ON HAND DEC. 31, 2010		**$7,546,212.96**
OTHER ASSETS IN HANDS OF TREASURER		
Short Term Investments		$0.00
Safety Complex Bond		$20,380.47
Police Detail Account		$66,981.20
Road & Other Bonds		$417,490.06
Payroll Account		$2,000.00
Gifford House Security Deposit		$1,802.13
Stratham Hill Park Revolving Fund		$20,369.91
Stratham Hill Park Association		$7,769.33
Stratham Hill Park Public Deposit Investment Pool		$3,923.56
Fire Department E.M.S. Fund		$164,055.78
Fire Protection Fund		$46,132.90
Heritage Fund		$4,136.95
Recreation Revolving Fund		$117,975.22
Drug Forfeiture Fund		$6,217.34
TOTAL ALL OTHER ASSETS		**$879,234.85**

OUTSTANDING SHORT TERM NOTES

Bond Anticipation Note: **$1,430,000.00**

(2.71% per annum, which matures June 15, 2011)

SUMMARY OF SAFETY COMPLEX BONDED DEBT

Safety Complex General Obligation Bond: **$5,000,000.00**

Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31st	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Outstanding Debt Balance
2004		$104,270.83	$5,000,000.00
2005	$250,000.00	$175,625.00	$4,750,000.00
2006	$250,000.00	$169,375.00	$4,500,000.00
2007	$250,000.00	$163,125.00	$4,250,000.00
2008	$250,000.00	$156,875.00	$4,000,000.00
2009	$250,000.00	$150,312.50	$3,750,000.00
2010	$250,000.00	$143,125.00	$3,500,000.00
2011	$250,000.00	$135,312.50	$3,250,000.00
2012	$250,000.00	$126,875.00	$3,000,000.00
2013	$250,000.00	$117,812.50	$2,750,000.00
2014	$250,000.00	$108,437.50	$2,500,000.00
2015	$250,000.00	$99,062.50	$2,250,000.00
2016	$250,000.00	$89,375.00	$2,000,000.00
2017	$250,000.00	$79,375.00	$1,750,000.00
2018	$250,000.00	$69,062.50	$1,500,000.00
2019	$250,000.00	$58,437.50	$1,250,000.00
2020	$250,000.00	$47,812.50	$1,000,000.00
2021	$250,000.00	$37,187.50	$750,000.00
2022	$250,000.00	$26,562.50	$500,000.00
2023	$250,000.00	$15,937.50	$250,000.00
2024	$250,000.00	$5,312.50	$0.00

SUMMARY OF GIFFORD HOUSE BONDED DEBT

Gifford House Obligation Bond: **$140,000.00**

Fiscal Year Ending 12/31	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Outstanding Debt Balance
2006	$14,000.00	$4,100.83	$126,000.00
2007	$14,000.00	$5,985.00	$112,000.00
2008	$14,000.00	$5,320.00	$98,000.00
2009	$14,000.00	$4,655.00	$84,000.00
2010	$14,000.00	$3,990.00	$70,000.00
2011	$14,000.00	$3,325.00	$56,000.00
2012	$14,000.00	$2,660.00	$42,000.00
2013	$14,000.00	$1,995.00	$28,000.00
2014	$14,000.00	$1,330.00	$14,000.00
2015	$14,000.00	$665.00	$0.00

SUMMARY OF FIRE HOUSE/CONSERVATION BONDED DEBT

Fire House/Conservation General Obligation Bond: $4,444,000.00

Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31st	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Outstanding Debt Balance
2008		$103,922.29	$4,444,000.00
2009	$229,000.00	$173,858.75	$4,215,000.00
2010	$225,000.00	$165,346.25	$3,990,000.00
2011	$225,000.00	$156,908.75	$3,765,000.00
2012	$225,000.00	$148,190.00	$3,540,000.00
2013	$225,000.00	$139,190.00	$3,315,000.00
2014	$225,000.00	$130,190.00	$3,090,000.00
2015	$225,000.00	$121,190.00	$2,865,000.00
2016	$225,000.00	$112,190.00	$2,640,000.00
2017	$220,000.00	$103,290.00	$2,420,000.00
2018	$220,000.00	$94,490.00	$2,200,000.00
2019	$220,000.00	$85,690.00	$1,980,000.00
2020	$220,000.00	$76,890.00	$1,760,000.00
2021	$220,000.00	$68,090.00	$1,540,000.00
2022	$220,000.00	$59,290.00	$1,320,000.00
2023	$220,000.00	$50,490.00	$1,100,000.00
2024	$220,000.00	$41,580.00	$880,000.00
2025	$220,000.00	$32,560.00	$660,000.00
2026	$220,000.00	$23,375.00	$440,000.00
2027	$220,000.00	$14,025.00	$220,000.00
2028	$220,000.00	$4,675.00	$0.00

SUMMARY OF FIRE HOUSE/CONSERVATION BONDED DEBT

Year 2010 Transactions

Cash on Hand January 1, 2010	$64,437.67
Checking Account Interest	$30.92
Investment Interest	$0.00
Bond Premiums	$0.00
Matured Principal	$0.00
Paid Invoices	($44,088.12)
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2010	**$20,380.47**

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Peck
Town Treasurer

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
TOWN OF STRATHAM IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
CERTIFICATE (2010)

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David Canada, Bruno Federico, Timothy Copeland, Selectmen

	Acres	Assessment
1. Valuation of land only:		
A. Current use (at c.u. value)	2,600.58	$479,417
B. Conservation	101.76	$15,946
C. Residential	4,741.78	$303,204,800
D. Commercial/Industrial	432.71	$53,344,500
E. Total of Taxable Land	7,876.83	$357,044,663
F. Tax Exempt & Non Taxable	1,257.09	$11,227,500
2. Value of Buildings only:		
A. Residential		$711,437,288
B. Manufactured Housing		$3,152,700
C. Commercial/Industrial		$111,469,700
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement		$32,312
E. Total of Taxable Buildings		$826,092,000
F. Exempt & Non Taxable		61,988,700
3. Public Utilities:		
A. Gas		$9,086,900
B. Electric		$11,074,400
D. Other Utilities (water)		$1,172,000
C. Total Utilities		$21,333,300
4. Valuation before Exemptions:		$1,204,469,963
5. Certain Disabled Veterans		$0
6. Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties		$1,204,469,963
7. Blind Exemption (3)		$45,000
8. Elderly Exemption (43)		$3,598,800
9. Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		$3,643,800
10. Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		$1,200,826,163
11. Less the Value of Utilities		($21,333,300)
12. Net Valuation without Utilities on which State Education Tax is Computed		$1,179,492,863

TAX CREDITS:

Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty ($2,000.):	7	$14,000
Other war service credits ($500.):	367	$183,000
Total Number and Amount:	374	$197,000

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Taxes Assessed for the Tax Year 2010

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	
Executive	$152,603
Elections, Registration & Vital Statistics	$8,875
Financial Administration	$333,905
Revaluation of Property	$0
Legal Expenses	$40,000
Personnel Administration	$778,609
Planning and Zoning	$210,431
General Government Buildings	$124,297
Cemeteries	$31,900
Insurance	$80,165
PUBLIC SAFETY:	
Police	$833,519
Fire	$151,560
Emergency Management	$11,800
Emergency Communications	$87,148
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:	
Highway Department	$574,058
Street Lighting	$7,000
Public Works - Other	$24,000
SANITATION:	
Solid Waste Collection	$622,629
HEALTH:	
Animal Control	$250
Pest Control	$62,000
Health Agencies & Hospitals	$50,281
WELFARE:	
Administration & Direct Assistance	$36,500
CULTURE AND RECREATION:	
Parks	$79,339
Recreation	$92,210
Library	$379,624
Patriotic purposes	$1,200
Conservation Commission	$1,800
Heritage Commission	$3,000
Economic Development	$750
DEBT SERVICE:	

Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	$500
Interest -Long Term Bonds & Notes	$312,811
Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	$489,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	
Capital Improvements	$685,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	$70,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	$6,336,764

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES

TAXES:		
Yield Taxes		$0
Excavation Taxes		$0
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		$60,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:		
Business Licenses and Permits		$30,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		$1,262,000
Building Permits		$0
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees		$122,330
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Police Grant		$10,000
FROM STATE:		
Shared Revenues		$0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		$322,657
Highway Block Grant		$149,881
Other		$195
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:		
Income from Departments		$130,000
Other Charges		$63,800
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:		
Sale of Municipal Property		$11,300
Interest on Investments		$1,000
Other		$28,750
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS:		
Trust and Agency Funds		$6,000
Special Revenue Funds		$46,500
Capital Reserve Funds		$0
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES:		$2,244,413
GENERAL FUND BALANCE:		
Unreserved Fund Balance	$1,118,122	
Less Voted from "Surplus"	$0	
Less Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	($218,122)	$218,122
Fund Balance - Retained	$900,000	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS:		$2,462,535

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
2010 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

			Tax Rates
TOWN PORTION			
Appropriations	$6,336,764		
Less: Revenues	($2,462,535)		
Less: Shared Revenues	$0		
Add: Overlay	$152,001		
Add: War Service Credits	$197,000		
Net Town Appropriation/Approved Town Tax Effort		$4,223,230	$3.51
Municipal Tax Rate			
SCHOOL PORTION			
Net Local School Budget	$9,024,183		
Regional School Apportionment	$9,456,607		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	($1,469,989)		
Less: State Education Taxes	($2,649,774)		
Net School(s) Appropriation/ Approved School Tax Effort		$14,361,027	$11.96
Local School Tax Rate			
State Education Tax Rate	$2.19		
Times the Equalized Valuation (without utilities)	$1,209,942,425		
State Education Tax		$2,649,774	
Divided by the Local Assessed Valuation (without utilities)	$1,179,492,863		
Localized State Education Tax Rate			$2.25
COUNTY PORTION			
Due to County	$1,209,443		
Less: Shared Revenues			
Net County Appropriation/Approved County Tax Effort		$1,209,443	
County Tax Rate			$1.01
Combined Tax Rate			$18.73
Total Property Taxes Assessed		$22,443,474	
Less: War Service Credits		($197,000)	
Total Property Tax Commitment		$22,246,474	

PROOF OF RATE

	Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	$1,179,492,863	$2.25	$2,649,774
All Other Taxes	$1,200,826,163	$16.48	$19,793,700
			$22,443,474

EXPENDITURES

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Payroll	$193,288.00
Training	$250.00
Substance Abuse Testing	$595.00
Meals	$1,160.00
Uniforms	$4,271.00
Paving & Road Construction	$199,713.00
Rented Equipment	$2,757.00
Culvert Pipe	$876.00
New Equipment & Tools	$1,356.00
Road Paint	$5,556.00
Tires, Repairs, Etc.	$34,109.00
Salt	$71,306.00
Sand and Gravel	$4,909.00
Telephone	$2,084.00
Electricity	$7,837.00
Gas & Oil	$13,177.00
Heat	$5,202.00
Building Maintenance	$4,605.00
Supplies	$1,469.00
TOTAL	$554,520.00

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Payroll	$18,011.00
Solid Waste Processing	$516,824.00
Landfill Closure Annual	$12,959.00
Materials and Supplies	$1,181.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	$2,753.00
Transfer Station	$58,794.00
Electricity	$358.00
TOTAL	$610,880.00

CEMETERIES

Payroll	$15,680.00
Ground Maintenance (& Road Repairs)	$1,095.00
Excavation	$2,625.00
Equipment Maintenance	$989.00
New Equipment	$222.00
Supplies	$489.00
Transfer to Trust Funds	$6,000.00
TOTAL	$27,100.00

EXPENDITURES (cont.)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Payroll	$468,061.00
Police Part Time	$69,379.00
Police Holiday	$14,372.00
Police payroll - Secretary	$38,998.00
Police payroll - Prosecutor	$35,001.00
Office supplies - Legal	$1,923.00
Office Supplies	$2,958.00
New Equipment	$5,370.00
Prosecutors Expenses	$19.00
Uniforms	$7,688.00
Technical Support	$20,367.00
Cruiser Lease	$26,622.00
Gas and Oil	$24,156.00
Repairs (Vehicle & Equipment)	$13,404.00
Community Service Programs	$608.00
Training	$7,129.00
Special Response Team	$2,500.00
Electricity	$8,737.00
Heat	$3,663.00
Telephone	$4,679.00
Maintenance/Repair/Supply	$6,066.00
TOTAL	$761,700.00

PARK

Payroll	$40,096.00
Supplies	$2,110.00
Ground Maintenance	$7,253.00
Telephone	$350.00
Supplies	$1,341.00
Uniforms	$407.00
Building Maintenance	$2,165.00
Equipment Maintenance	$1,279.00
Vehicle Maintenance	$1,991.00
New Equipment	$12,544.00
Electricity	$2,257.00
TOTAL	$71,793.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2010

Title of Appropriations	Appropriation	Receipts/ Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overage
Executive	$152,603	$122,330	$274,933	$150,204	$124,729	
Elections & Registrations	$8,875	$0	$8,875	$9,521	$0	($646)
Financial Administration	$333,905	$1,693,588	$2,027,493	$331,430	$1,696,063	
Legal Expenses	$40,000	$0	$40,000	$40,378	$0	($378)
Employee Benefits	$778,609	$23,706	$802,315	$699,603	$102,712	
Planning and Zoning	$210,431	$98,802	$309,233	$189,456	$119,777	
General Government Buildings	$124,297	$31,550	$155,847	$92,754	$63,093	
Cemeteries	$31,900	$19,500	$51,400	$27,100	$24,300	
Insurances	$80,165	$18,560	$98,725	$80,165	$18,560	
Police Department	$833,519	$55,346	$888,865	$761,700	$127,165	
Fire Department	$143,060	$0	$143,060	$123,667	$19,393	
Emergency Management	$11,800	$55,707	$67,507	$6,148	$61,359	
Emergency Dispatch Services	$87,148	$0	$87,148	$85,882	$1,266	
Highway Department	$574,058	$150,076	$724,134	$554,519	$169,615	
Street Lighting	$7,000	$0	$7,000	$6,599	$401	
Waste Disposal	$622,629	$53,600	$676,229	$610,879	$65,350	
Public Works Commission	$24,000	$0	$24,000	$0	$24,000	
Animal Control	$250	$9,186	$9,436	$710	$8,726	
Pest Control	$62,000	$0	$62,000	$62,000	$0	
Public Service Agencies	$50,281	$0	$50,281	$50,281	$0	
Direct Assistance	$36,500	$0	$36,500	$28,836	$7,664	
Park	$79,339	$0	$79,339	$71,793	$7,546	
Recreation	$92,210	$12,539	$104,749	$76,632	$28,117	
Library	$379,624	$0	$379,624	$379,624	$0	
Patriotic Purposes	$1,200	$0	$1,200	$986	$214	
Conservation Commission	$1,800	$0	$1,800	$1,741	$59	
Heritage Commission	$3,000	$0	$3,000	$2,589	$411	
Economic Development Com.	$750	$0	$750	$490	$260	
Interest on Accounts	$500	$2,474	$2,974	$0	$2,974	
Interest on Long Term Debt	$312,811	$0	$312,811	$308,861	$3,950	
TOTALS	$5,084,264	$2,346,964	$7,431,228	$4,754,548	$2,677,704	($1,024)

YEARLY EARNINGS FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES - 2010

Aither, Jaye	$38,997.60	Joseph, James	$27,798.75
Bakie, Peter G.	$5,898.51	Kemp, Valerie A.	$44,808.59
Baker, Ryan C.	$486.02	Kenny, Catherine	$21,622.12
Barker, Tara	$30,511.64	Kimball, Lesley	$62,932.67
Barnes, Terry W.	$52,648.14	Krebs, Norman	$268.75
Brothers, Timothy	$125.00	Law, Charles	$58,811.31
Browne, Charles	$29,668.11	Leonardi, Susan	$4,999.03
Call, James C.	$68,363.38	Lewy, Andrea	$60,194.07
Canada, David	$3,000.00	Littlefield, William D	$4,816.72
Charbonneau, Joyce	$41,640.63	McAulay, Stephen F	$39,757.97
Collins, Lisa	$12,141.13	MacCallum, Marcia	$17,833.82
Cook, Robert	$379.99	Mason, Peter	$400.00
Copeland, Andra	$506.25	Morales, Miguel A	$1,305.57
Copeland, Timothy D	$3,556.25	McCleary, Cynthia S	$1,459.25
Corrow, Norma	$11,183.71	Normand, Danielle E.	$10,823.24
Crosby, Bryan	$200.00	Oliveira, Michael	$39,309.36
Daley, Lincoln	$68,965.84	O'Neil, Kevin B	$3,641.25
Danko, Phyllis L.	$38,010.60	Peck, Kevin J.	$3,000.00
Davis, James	$2,774.87	Pierce, David	$86,148.56
DeCotis, Donna	$570.00	Powers, Christine	$740.37
DelRossi, Sarah	$28,957.90	Raspuzzi, Louis	$1,441.26
Deschaine, Paul R.	$84,927.93	Rivers, Cindy	$9,667.56
DiBartolomeo, Jeffrey	$2,137.37	Rohr, Lisa	$1,500.00
Downing, Nancy R.	$1,160.00	Ryan, Karen	$16,820.84
Dziama, Pamela C.	$5,101.51	Ryden, Patricia A.	$41,040.39
Early, W. Michael	$580.80	Sawyer,June	$212.50
Emanuel, David	$450.00	Scippa, John V.	$84,410.51
Emerson, John R.	$60,322.63	Slager, Timothy E	$45,872.48
Federico, Bruno	$3,000.00	Standen, Scott	$387.50
Flagg, Katherine	$306.25	Stevens, Russell	$51,731.45
Foss, Virginia	$589.39	Streelman, Janice	$33,460.67
Gobbi, Michael A.	$54,489.43	Thompson, Roger	$393.75
Grella, Stacey J	$10,404.00	Tukey, Chester	$2,109.62
Hart, William	$35,000.94	Von Letkemann, Lucia	$35,723.16
Hickey, Seth	$12,936.88	Whitham, Anna	$486.02
Hutton, Fred A. Jr.	$56,793.77	Williams, Alan	$51,889.64
Iodice, Sheila	$2,980.68	Woods, Kimberly E.	$40,888.83
Jackson, Robert E	$4,978.26	Wool, Martin	$1,927.14
Jordan, Gregory	$60,024.09		

FINANCIAL REPORT
GENERAL FUND

Revenues and expenditures for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual	
1. Revenue from Taxes	
a. Property taxes	$22,246,474
b. Land Use Change Tax	$29,351
c. Timber (Yield) Taxes	$0
d. Interest & penalties on delinquent taxes	$64,681
g. TOTAL	$22,340,506
2. Revenues from licenses, permits, and fees	
a. Business licenses and permits	$8,705
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	$1,277,313
c. Building permit fees	$82,399
d. Other licenses, permits and fees	$9,186
e. TOTAL	$1,377,602
3. Revenues from Federal Government	
a. Other Fed Grants/reimbursements	$87,752
b. TOTAL	$87,752
4. Revenues from State of New Hampshire	
a. Shared revenue block grant	$0
b. Meals & rooms distribution	$322,657
c. Highway block grant	$150,076
d. Other grants/reimbursements	$331
e. TOTAL	$473,064
5. Revenues from charges for service	
a. Income from departments	$42,706
b. Garbage-refuse charges	$47,817
c. Other Charges	$127,680
d. TOTAL	$218,203
6. Revenues from miscellaneous sources	
a. Sale of municipal property	$12,750
b. Interest on investments	$2,149
c. Rents of property	$31,550
d. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	$18,560
f. Other misc. sources not otherwise class.	$57,109
g. TOTAL	$122,118

7. Interfund operating transfers in	
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	$3,569
b. Other Investments	$0
c. Transfers from capital reserve funds	$0
d. Transfers from trust and agency funds	$6,200
e. TOTAL	$9,769
8. Other financial sources	
a. Proceeds from other bonds (BAN)	$1,430,000
b. TOTAL	$1,430,000
8. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES	$26,059,015
9. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (beginning of year)	$1,225,301
10. GRAND TOTAL	$27,284,316
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	
1. General Government	
a. Executive	$150,204
b. Election, registration and vital statistics	$9,521
c. Financial administration	$331,430
d. Legal expenses	$40,378
e. Personnel administration	$699,603
f. Planning & zoning	$189,456
g. General government building	$92,754
h. Cemeteries	$27,100
i. Insurance not otherwise allocated	$80,165
j. Other general government	$138,777
k. TOTAL	$1,759,388
2. Public Safety	
a. Police	$761,700
b. Fire	$123,667
c. Emergency management	$7,743
d. Other (communications)	$85,882
e. TOTAL	$978,992
3. Highways and Streets	
a. Highways and Streets	$554,519
b. Street lighting	$6,599
c. TOTAL	$561,118
4. Sanitation	
a. Solid waste disposal	$610,879
b. TOTAL	$610,879
5. Water Distribution & Treatment	
a. Other (Public Works Commission)	$0
b. TOTAL	$0
6. Health	
a. Pest control	$62,000
b. Health agencies and hospitals	$50,281
c. Animal control	$710
d. TOTAL	$112,991

7. Welfare	
a. Direct assistance	$28,836
b. TOTAL	$28,836
8. Culture and recreation	
a. Parks	$71,793
b. Recreation	$76,632
c. Library	$379,624
d. Patriotic purposes	$986
e. TOTAL	$529,035
9. Conservation	
a. Conservation Commission	$1,741
b. Economic Development	$490
c. Heritage Commission	$2,589
d. Purchase of natural resources	$2,363,663
e. TOTAL	$2,368,483
10. Debt Service	
a. Principal On Long Term Bonds PSC	$250,000
b. Conservation/Fire House BAN Principle	$225,000
c. Gifford House Bond Principle	$14,000
d. Interest on tax anticipation notes	$0
e. Long Term Debt Interest	$312,800
f. TOTAL	$801,800
11. Capital outlay	
a. Land and improvements	$0
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	$0
c. Buildings	$300,946
d. Improvements other than buildings	$236,608
e. TOTAL	$537,554
12. Interfund operating transfers out	
a. Transfers to capital reserve funds	$50,000
b. Operating Transfers out	$50,816
c. Grant Transfers Out	$49,162
d. LUCT/Termination Trust to Trustees	$46,612
e. TOTAL	$196,590
13. Payments to other governments	
a. Taxes assessed for county	$1,209,443
b. Taxes assessed for school districts	$16,301,923
c. Payments to other governments	$6,076
d. TOTAL	$17,517,442
14. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$26,003,108
15. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (end of year)	$1,281,207
16. GRAND TOTAL	$27,284,316

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

A. ASSETS

1. Current assets	Beginning of year	End of year
a. Cash and equivalents	$7,640,882	$7,329,679
b. Investments		
c. Taxes receivable	$906,284	$1,012,796
d. Tax liens receivable	$216,544	$340,377
e. Accounts Receivable	$0	$0
f. Due from other governments	$0	$950,000
g. Tax deeded property	$18,300	$18,300
TOTAL ASSETS	$8,782,009	$9,651,153

B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

1. Current liabilities		
a. Due to School districts	$7,556,709	$8,369,946
b. Accounts Payable	$0	$0
c. Total Liabilities	$7,556,709	$8,369,946
2. Fund equity		
a. Reserve for continuing appropriations	$107,180	$537,555
b. Reserve appropriations voted from surplus	$0	$0
c. Unreserved fund bal.	$1,118,122	$743,652
d. TOTAL FUND EQUITY	$1,225,302	$1,281,207
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$8,782,011	$9,651,153

A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

1. School district liability beginning year	$7,556,709
2. Add School assessment for current year	$17,115,160
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR	$24,671,869
4. SUBTRACT payments made to school	$16,301,923
5. School district liability at end of year	$8,369,946

B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

1. Short term (TANS) beginning of year	$0
2. Add: New issues during current year	$0
3. Subtract: Issues retired during current year	$0
4. Short term (TANS) outstanding end of year	$0

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET

	Current Year	Prior Year
1. Overlay/Allowance for abatements	$152,001	$42,592
2. Subtract: Abatements made	($98,648)	($42,592)
3. Excess of estimate	$53,353	$0

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET

	Taxes	Liens
1. Uncollected, end of year	$1,012,796	$340,377
2. Subtract: Overlay carried forward	($53,353)	$0
3. Estimated Receivable, end of year	$959,443	$340,377

STRATHAM TRUST FUNDS 2010

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF FUND	BAL/BEG	NEW FUNDS	CAP/GAIN	WITHDRAWN	BAL/END	BAL/BEG	INCOME	EXPENDED	BAL/END	GRAND TOTAL Principal/Income
CEMETERY FUNDS:		$219,965	$6,000	$0	$0	$225,965	$107,344	$5,651	$6,200	$106,795	$332,760
2010	CONTI		$400			$400	$0			$0	$400
2010	MERRILL		$1,200			$1,200	$0			$0	$1,200
2010	MILLER		$400			$400	$0			$0	$400
2010	MULLER		$3,200			$3,200	$0			$0	$3,200
2010	SHEALY		$800			$800	$0			$0	$800
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS	$219,965	$6,000	$0	$0	$225,965	$107,344	$5,651	$6,200	$106,795	$332,760
LIBRARY FUNDS:											
VARIOUS		$81,701	$0	$0	$0	$81,701	$2,477	$1,647	$2,400	$1,724	$83,425
STRATHAM HILL PARK:											
VARIOUS		$17,814	$0	$0	$0	$17,814	$20,411	$430	$0	$20,841	$38,655
STRATHAM HILL PK ASSOCIATION											
1966		$59,615	$0	$0	$0	$59,615	$29,639	$1,384	$0	$31,023	$90,638
HORACE HILL FUND											
1932		$7	$0	$0	$0	$7	$198	$4	$0	$202	$209
CAPITAL RESERVES & OTHER TRUSTS											
1988	LAND CONSERVATION FUND	$466,140	$29,351	$0	$61,958	$433,533	$1,140	$966	$722	$1,384	$434,916
1998	CAPITAL RESERVE FIRE DEPT	$111,400	$50,000	$0	$0	$161,400	$16,009	$351	$0	$16,360	$177,760
2001	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	$89,028	$0	$0	$0	$89,028	$3,804	$162	$0	$3,966	$92,994
1987	BARKER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP	$4,002	$0	$0	$0	$4,002	$2,190	$16	$0	$2,206	$6,208
1989	SCAMMAN/PARK TRUST	$975	$0	$0	$0	$975	$302	$5	$0	$307	$1,282
1989	SCAMMAN SCHOLARSHIP	$3,663	$0	$0	$0	$3,663	$1,821	$11	$0	$1,832	$5,495
1997	WIN. GRANGE EDUC FUND	$5,500	$0	$0	$0	$5,500	$1,005	$23	$0	$1,028	$6,528
2003	DEBBIE GREENBURG TRUST	$5,002	$0	$0	$211	$4,791	$0	$10	$0	$10	$4,801
2009	SPECIAL EDUC TRUST SMS	$25,000	$25,000	$0	$0	$50,000	$9	$52	$0	$61	$50,061
2009	SMS MAINTENANCE TRUST	$25,000	$50,000	$0	$0	$75,000	$9	$52	$0	$61	$75,061
2010	EMPLOYEE TERMINATION TRUST	$0	$11,261	$0	$0	$11,261	$0	$0	$0	$0	$11,261
TOTAL ALL FUNDS:		$1,114,813	$171,612	$0	$62,170	$1,224,255	$186,357	$10,766	$9,322	$187,801	$1,412,056
	TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS:		JOYCE ROWE, CHAIR; MARIA EMANUEL, DIANE MORGERA								

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Stratham Cemetery Trustees have had a very productive year continuing with the expansion plans for the Maple Lane and Harmony Hill cemeteries, computerizing cemetery activities, reviewing documents, attending cemetery trustees training conducted by the Attorneys General's office in Concord, NH, and taking an active role corresponding with the New Hampshire Cemetery Association.

One of the most important features of the cemetery expansion program is literally "watching the grass grow". The grass planted in the "new section" last fall is doing well. Hopefully this section will be available during the early fall of 2011. The new cremation garden is located in this section. Ken has completed the geometric plan for the area. Now we just need the turf.

We were able to obtain a laptop computer last spring. June is the computer proprietor and data entry administrator. She has worked with Pontum, the cemetery software provider, and logs all required administrative activities, especially the location of deceased persons. In order to be as accurate as possible with cemetery recordings, it is often necessary to review old deeds and records.

On June 3, 2010, all three trustees attended a half day cemetery trustee's seminar conducted by the Attorney General's staff in Concord. This was a very informative session which outlined all of the cemetery trustees' duties and responsibilities as per state law (RSAs). Instructors noted that recodification of cemetery laws happened in 1994. The powers and duties of the cemetery trustees were established in 1994 when Governor Merrill signed HB 1228.

The Stratham Cemetery Trustees are members of the New Hampshire Cemetery Association. This association is an excellent resource for obtaining general information on cemetery fees, regulations and overall costs.

During 2011 the Stratham Cemetery Trustees will continue expanding the Maple Lane and Harmony Hill Cemeteries, computerizing all cemetery activities, monitoring trust fund amounts and interest and reviewing cemetery regulations while maintaining the allocated 2011 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Cushman
Kenneth Lanzillo
June Sawyer

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

This past fire season had a slightly lower number of fires, as well as a lower number of acres burned than the 5 year average. New Hampshire typically has a fairly active spring fire season and then the summer rains tend to dampen fire activity later in the season. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The tower's fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Several of the fires during the 2010 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2010 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2010)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Rockingham	18	43

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	3	**2010**	**360**	**145**
Debris	146	**2009**	**334**	**173**
Campfire	35	**2008**	**455**	**175**
Children	13	**2007**	**437**	**212**
Smoking	13	**2006**	**500**	**473**
Railroad	0			
Equipment	18			
Lightning	4			
Misc.*	128 (* power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

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STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Stratham Volunteer Fire Department emergeney call volume eontinues to rise eaeh year. In 2010, the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 613 emergeney response ealls, resulting in 81 more emergeney ealls from 2009. The single largest type of call were medieal calls where the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department responded to 378 ealls.

I would like to thank and eommend the men and women of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Ladies Auxiliary whose efforts are always to help provide the needs of the Fire Department in emergeneies and non-emergencies. Their dedieation to duty and eommitment to serve the eitizens of this eommunity is always with the utmost quality of serviee. The members of this volunteer fire department are eivie minded, donating their time and effort to help their friends, neighbors and eommunity when needed. Not only do these earing volunteers give their time in emergeneies, but they give the time to train, eertify, and administer the needs of this Department.

The Stratham Volunteer Fire Department eontinues to be an all volunteer fire department. This fire department is one of very few that reeeives no eompensation for emergeney ealls, training, eertifications, elothing allowanee, fuel or administrative funetions for its members. In addition, these volunteers are the foundation to raise additional funds through Stratham Fair as well as the administration of the Stratham Fair. Our members also administer ambulance billing doeumentation.

This year we evaluated a proposal to replaee a twenty-five year old 3,000-gallon tanker truck. Out of the 5,000 gallons of water we ean transport at one time, our tanker truek with its 3,000 gallons is a big part of our initial attack. This truek has served the Town well and is a great asset to our fire proteetion eomplement. We propose any new truek meet today's National Fire Proteetion Standard 1901 to serve the eommunity and provide all the safety features to our firefighters. Although a deeision has been made not to fund a replaeement in the eoming year, that deeision will be revisited as we prepare for Fiseal Year 2012.

Respeetfully Submitted,

R. Stanley Walker Jr.
Fire Chief

Stratham Volunteer Fire Department
2010 Emergency Responses

	Number of Calls per Year		
Type of Call	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**
Medical Aid	268	315	325
Service Calls	24	8	18
Mutual Aid to other Communities	24	30	37
Fire Alarm Activation	67	81	76
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	15	13	18
Structure Fires	12	17	11
Brush/Forestry Fires	20	11	22
Auto Fires	0	4	7
Auto Accidents	33	41	53
Hazardous Materials	15	6	12
Storm Related/downed electrical wires	65	6	34
Total:	**543**	**532**	**613**

2010 Ambulance Recovered Funds			
Balance forward 12/31/09			***124,271.09***
Gross Recovered in 2010			84,029.13
Interest Earned in 2010			499.66
Total Gross w/Interest Earned 2010			**84,528.79**
2010 Expenses Paid from Fund			
Purchase Defibrillators			37,132.58
Patient Refund (overpayment)			179.12
Bank Fees			0.00
Equip New Ambulance			2,504.15
EMS Training			2,560.00
EMS Conference			2,368.25
Total Expenses			**44,744.10**
Total Net Funds for F/Y 2010			$39,784.69
Total Fund Balance as of 12/31/10			***164,055.78***

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stratham Police Department responded to 10,973 calls for service this past year. The following is an overview of some of the general types of crimes we responded to and the number of times we answered these types of calls:

Sexual Assault	8	Domestics	56	Burglary	7
Theft	71	Assaults	39	Town Ord. Violations	1
Arson	1	Fraud	19	House Checks	2217
Criminal Mischief	42	Harassment	12	Criminal Trespass	13
D.W.I	51	Juvenile Incidents	95	Assist to Police Depts.	272
Assist to the Public	299	Protective Escorts	3	Disturbance-Loud Party	32
Assist Fire/Rescue	355	Abandoned 911 Calls	81	Disturbance-General	30
Alarms	289	M/V Lockouts	117	Animal Incidents	213
Traffic Citations	294	M/V Accidents	178	Traffic Complaints	153
M/V Warnings	3117	M/V Checkups	204	Disturbance-fights	9
Disorderly Conduct	12	Robbery	2	Drug Violations	18

This past year, in an effort to bring the Police Department back up to full staff after last year's retirements, we hired three new officers.

Officer Mike Oliveira, also known as "Officer Mike", came to us from the North Hampton Police Department with much experience, particularly in the area of Juvenile law and School Policing training. Besides working regular patrol shifts, he has taken on the responsibilities of working with the young people and schools in our town.

Officer Stephen McAulay came to us from the Newfields Police Department with experience in the areas of training and computers. Since coming here, he has provided assistance with our computer software use, he has taken on the responsibility of acting as a field-training officer and has become an active member of the Seacoast Emergency Response Team.

Officer Danielle Normand comes to us as a new police recruit. She is a graduate of Plymouth State University where she was a standout college athlete. She is also a graduate of Suffolk University with a Master's Degree. She is presently attending the police academy and we look forward to her graduation, which is scheduled for April.

During this past year, the Police Department was able to obtain numerous grants and donations to assist us with staying current with training and technology as well as to increase patrols. The most significant project of this year was the addition of Mobile Data Terminals for each police car. These MDT's allow the officers to be connected directly to dispatch services to get real time information as they respond to calls and deal with people. The entire cost of this project was just over $45,000 dollars and was funded in it's entirety by a NH Highway Safety Grant and a very generous donation from the Wentworth Family of Stratham.

Further, we were able to secure just over $5,000 dollars in grant funding to assist us with providing extra patrols to conduct speed enforcement patrols, enforce DWI laws and to send an officer to leadership training. We will continue to pursue these types of funding sources to assist the mission of the Police Department in delivering the best possible services to the community.

As the Police Chief, I continue to be committed to do my best to ensure that the Police Department serves this community in a professional and fiscally responsible manner. Our door is always open and we welcome anyone with a question, comment or concern. Thanks to the men and women of the other town Departments and particularly to the members of the Stratham Fire and EMS who we work with on a constant basis. Stratham is lucky to have such dedicated volunteers that provide emergency services and we are proud to work with them. Further, I continue to appreciate the counsel and support that the Select Board provides to the Stratham Police Department and me.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Stratham Police Department for their dedication, effort and hard work. During my first year here, each of them has demonstrated to me that they are a tremendous asset to this Town and this agency.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Scippa
Chief of Police

STRATHAM OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2010 the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was activated six times to monitor severe weather and statewide storm events. The conditions were communicated to and from the New Hampshire Bureau of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and between the Town's operational personnel.

The OEM staff successfully participated in the 2010 Seabrook Station Emergency Planning Zone - Combined Functional Drills, comprised of table-top drills and a "graded exercise" with Seabrook Station, the NH Bureau of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Stratham's team performed well and received favorable marks from evaluators.

The OEM executed a $50,000 Emergency Management Performance Grant with a 50% match commitment from the Town's Safety Building Construction Bond. This funding was utilized to equip the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and to support Emergency Management areas in the new safety building with office furnishings, telephones, and electronic equipment.

Deputy Director Kathy Flagg participated in regional public health planning with the Greater Exeter Region Public Health Network. The prepared plan document addresses public health emergencies, including any event, natural or manmade, affecting a large proportion of the regional population having the capacity to outstrip available health resources. To assist in testing the plan, Stratham hosted a related regional tabletop exercise in November at the EOC. Director Dave Emanuel participated in 40-hours of FEMA advanced incident command system training (ICS 300 & 400) to credential the Town's command and control capabilities and to ensure the Town's qualification for future grant funding opportunities.

The Town of Stratham and the Greater Exeter Region Public Health Network are also exploring a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to utilize Stratham's EOC as a primary location for the Region's Multi-Area Coordination Entity (MACE). The facility would be utilized in the event of a public health event affecting a large proportion of the regional population, provided it was not being utilized otherwise by the Town of Stratham.

Preparedness is an individual responsibility, which starts in each of our own homes with our own families. We request that residents prepare themselves by keeping adequate emergency supplies and stock at home and by reviewing the annual Seabrook calendar of emergency information. FEMA maintains a web site at http://www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm, which can aid you in preparedness for various emergencies.

The OEM is managed by Director Dave Emanuel with the assistance of Kathy Flagg and Tim Copeland, who serve as Deputy Directors. The OEM is supported by a community staff of 25 members. Residents interested in becoming a resource to the Stratham OEM should contact us through the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

David F. Emanuel, Director

PLANNING BOARD / TOWN PLANNER

Similar to 2009, the Planning Department continues to witness a slight decline in the number and type of applications submitted to the Planning Board. The slower economy, however, has afforded the Planning Board and Planning Department the opportunity to focus on examining existing land use regulations, policy development, and infrastructure improvements.

In March 2010, the Town approved the new "form-based code" zoning ordinance termed the Gateway Commercial Business District (GCBD). The intent of the district is to enhance the economic vitality, business diversity, and visual appeal of Stratham's Rte 108 / Portsmouth Avenue commercial corridor in a manner that is consistent with the landscape and architecture of the Town's agricultural tradition. In September 2010, the Planning Board formally adopted the GCBD Architectural and Design Guidelines which supplements the ordinance by providing visual examples and detailed guidelines for implementing the zoning, architectural, and design requirements. We would like to thank the GCBD Committee members, Rockingham Planning Commission, and members of the Planning Board for their commitment, input, and long hours drafting the ordinance and guidance document and the residents for their continued support.

Other zoning amendments in 2010 included adoption of new workforce house regulations in compliance with the State mandate and a revised home occupation regulatory review and monitoring process. In July 2010, the Planning Board adopted a new Site Plan Review on parking regulations. The new regulations establish design standards and flexible regulations to improve parking design, safety, and function within the built environment. Further, the Planning Board and Department continue their comprehensive review and update of the 1998 Town Master Plan. The Planning Department has been coordinating the update process and is working with the various departments and land-use boards to update their specific sections. It is anticipated that the update will be completed in 2011 for formal adoption by the Planning Board.

The Town continues to examine the viability of introducing infrastructure improvements to commercially zoned properties within the Rte. 108 / Portsmouth Avenue commercial corridor and Town Center. The Town has begun to identify probable locations of water sources and areas suitable for wastewater treatment. The Town is also exploring infrastructure options with other surrounding communities to better understand if synergies and economies of scale exist. To date, the Planning Department continues to work with the Public Works Commission, elected officials, and the consultant with this evaluation process and analysis of alternatives.

We hope that you will take some time through the coming months and stop by the Planning offices to learn more about what is happening in Stratham. There are a number of exciting projects anticipated for 2011 and we welcome your input.

Respectfully submitted,

Lincoln Daley
Town Planner

Janet Johnson
Planning Board Chair

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Industrial (IND)-

- 100 Domain Drive-Bauer Company- Renovations for new office space is underway. Bauer will be opening in May with approximately 180 employees.
- 200 Domain Drive-Timberland- Renovations are completed; gas piping/55 KW generator was installed.
- One Fine Chocolate Place- New truck scales have been installed. Lindt & Sprungli have submitted a proposal to the Planning Board for a 3 story 30,000 sq. ft. office building.

Commercial District (GCM)-

- Parkman Brook Plaza 20 Portsmouth Ave- Renovations are underway for Sun Tan City, which will be located next to Planet Fitness.
- 17 Portsmouth Avenue – The Planning Board approved Optima Bank to construct a 3,000 square foot building located next to Dunkin Donuts/Verizon Wireless.

Town Center (TC)-

- New Town Center shops received Planning Board approval at 156 Portsmouth Ave. for mixed use, retail/and office professional buildings. We are awaiting construction plans to start building in the spring.

ACTIVITY REPORT	2010
Single Family House	3
Accessory Apartments	1
Duplex Homes	2
Triplex Homes	0
Mobile Homes	0
Renovations/Additions	109
Pools	7
Garage/Barns	9
Sheds	20
Deck/Porches	38
Electrical/Plumbing/HVAC	266
Sign Permits	14
Demolition Permits	10
New Commercial	1
Renovations/Additions Commercial	15
Other (Renewals, Foundations only, Special promos, Driveways)	23
Zoning Board of Adjustment	10
Total	**532**

Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Barnes, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

In 2010 the Assessing Department exhaled, if only briefly, after the very demanding revaluation year of 2009. With updated values in place and questions to be answered, we worked diligently to address any and all inquiries made by the residents of Stratham regarding the new assessments. With the addition of Assessing Assistant Jim Joseph to help ease the load, we hope that the residents of Stratham are finding our service satisfactory. We encourage residents to visit our website and the Assessing Office if there are any questions or feedback as to how we could improve our services.

We have multiple options for acquiring information regarding all properties in Stratham. By visiting our office you can obtain property ownership and assessment information either over the counter or by using the public information room. In the public room you can view tax maps, find previous and current sales information, and a computer terminal to research assessment information.

We have also made vast improvements to our website, www.strathamnh.gov, where you will find the recently updated tax maps and the 2010 parcel assessed value information, along with information on exemptions and credits.

Property owners may be eligible for certain exemptions or credits on their property. If you are elderly, blind, a veteran, or a veteran's widow, you may be eligible for one or more exemptions or credits. For details and application information, contact the Assessing Office at 772-7391 or visit the Assessing Department on the Town's website at www.strathamnh.gov, where you will find the criteria as well as a fill in and print application.

The primary function of the Assessing Department is to ensure that all 3,245 parcels with a total assessed value of $1,278,684,078 are assessed fairly and proportionally in accordance with the New Hampshire laws governing taxation. Due to RSA 75:8-a, which states: The assessors and/or Selectmen shall reappraise all real estate within the municipality so that the assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. An in-house Statistical Update was conducted in 2009 which met this requirement and was a monetary savings to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea S. Lewy, CNHA
Town Assessor

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

As an advisory board to the Board of Selectmen, the Stratham Public Works Commission monitors and advises the Selectmen on various issues pertaining to water resources as well as wastewater and storm water issues as they arise.

This year, the Public Works Commission completed three important feasibility evaluations in support of the goals and objectives for the Gateway, Commercial, and Town Center Districts. The consulting firm of Wright-Pierce with the added support of Town staff completed the "*Fire Suppression and Potable Water Supply Study*" initiated in 2009 plus the "*Photolineament and Geophysical Analyses to Evaluate Bedrock Water Supply Potential*" and the "*Wastewater Management Concept Plan*" initiated in 2010. These evaluations provide a road map and offer planning level costs to construct a water supply system with fire protection and a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system for the Gateway, Commercial, and Town Center Districts. These evaluations have identified the necessary investments in water and wastewater infrastructure that Stratham, working independently, will have to make in order to achieve the vision for the Gateway, Commercial, and Town Center Districts. Throughout this effort, regionalization of infrastructure services was identified as a means to reduce the required investment necessary to support the Gateway, Commercial, and Town Center Districts.

Cooperative investment, management, and operation of water and wastewater utilities may achieve the desired results with greater efficiency and reduced costs compared to Stratham developing these utilities on its own. In October of 2010, members of this Commission and Town staff participated in a "community discussion" with the Town of Exeter. The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) sponsored the event. This event and subsequent discussions between Stratham, Exeter, the RPC, Rockingham Economic Development Corp. (REDC), and the NHDES Coastal Program has identified a study scope of work to explore in greater detail the potential benefits of regional cooperation. The final scope of work for the study and the funding mechanisms (potential grants supplemented with local matching funds) will be complete during 2011. The Public Works Commission sees this as an important next step in addressing the needs of the Gateway, Commercial, and Town Center Districts.

The Public Works Commission continues to be actively involved with the Southeast Watershed Alliance. Public Works Commission member Michael Perfit is Stratham's representative to the Alliance and in 2010 was elected Secretary. Stratham's participation in the Alliance ensures that the Town remains ahead of current and future environmental issues faced by the region and has a voice in the region's future.

The Public Works Commission is looking forward to the year ahead and working for the Board of Selectmen and with Town staff to continue progress in advancing the Gateway, Commercial, and Town Center Districts.

Respectfully submitted,

John Boisvert
Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Stratham Conservation Commission is an advisory group to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Adjustment, and the Planning Board. The Commission is responsible for following directives outlined in the Master Plan to preserve land and educate members of the community about conservation practices. The Commission is tasked with making recommendations to Town boards regarding land use practices, responding to wetland applications filed with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, monitoring easements and providing guidance to landowners and developers on projects that have potential wetlands impacts.

In 2010, the Commission lost another valuable member of its conservation team. Caroline Robinson, who lost her lengthy battle with breast cancer after 8 years, was owner and farmer of Berry Hill Farm. Caroline was a conservationist dedicated to sustainable agriculture, preserving farmland and the rural character of our community. In 2002, she spearheaded a campaign in Stratham which resulted in a Town vote to approve a five million-dollar bond issue for the purchase of permanent conservation easements to preserve farmland and other open space land. Subsequently, she served on the Ad Hoc Bond Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission that was charged with carrying out that mission. Caroline lived by the motto "leave the world a better place than when you got there." She certainly did that in Stratham and she is missed and remembered by us all.

In honor of long-time Conservation Commission member and chair Gordon Barker, the Commission put forth a warrant article at the 2010 Town Meeting to officially change the name of the Stratham Town Forest to the Gordon Barker Town Forest. The vote passed unanimously. The Commission is working to replace border markers in the Town Forest and to obtain a sign identifying the Forest's new name. We are very pleased to have Edie Barker, Gordon's wife, now sitting on the Commission and carrying on a family tradition of dedication to the community.

Throughout 2010, the Ad Hoc Committee, Conservation Commission, and Selectmen, in cooperation with the Southeast Land Trust, worked through the process of obtaining a matching Farm and Ranchland Protection grant towards the purchase of a conservation easement on the Scamman Bittersweet Farm Property. Doug and Stella Scamman agreed to place over 100 acres of farm and forest land along route 108 in a permanent conservation easement. Just after the new year in 2011, the final papers for that property were signed and the deal completed. The Commission extends its overwhelming gratitude in particular to Brian Hart of the Southeast Land Trust, and landowner Doug Scamman, for their never-ending patience and perseverance with this process. The easement will allow the property to forever continue to be farmed and offers future generations of Stratham the opportunity to enjoy the view shed and access to this magnificent piece of property. All other easement acquisitions were put on hold until this parcel was completed and the Commission looks forward to speaking with other landowners to obtain easements with the remaining bond funds.

The Commission coordinated a Town-wide roadside clean-up day in April 2010 and was greatly helped in their effort by members of the Exeter Garden Club.

In addition, Girl Scout troops helped plant flowers at the Municipal Center and Boy Scout packs helped with raking and trash pick-up at Stratham Hill Park and throughout Town. There was a large turnout by other residents of all ages who gathered to clean up the Town's roadsides, neighborhoods and public areas. At noon when the volunteers met back at the park, enough trash had been collected to fill the entire 30-yard dumpster that was donated by Bestway Disposal Services. The entire Conservation Commission would like to thank everyone who helped with this event because you have truly made a difference in Stratham. In addition, the Commission sold 40 compost bins and 15 rain barrels to residents. The use of compost bins helps reduce the amount of trash added to our waste stream and the rain barrels help recycle rain water for use around the yard and garden, not requiring withdrawal from our limited aquifer system.

The Conservation Commission worked with Timberland on a trail maintenance project in the Town Forest on July 29, 2010. Timberland provided about 25 staff members who worked to pop rocks from the trails, spread mulch and create water bars to help slow the erosion on one of the trails. Both Dan Crow from the Park Association and Kim Woods, the Stratham Park Ranger, were instrumental in getting this work accomplished. Dan provided expertise and tools to put in water bars and secure them with rebar, while Kim had all materials ready to go ahead of time and was available with her loader to move materials in as needed. The Commission looks forward to continuing to work with Timberland on future projects to help maintain and improve forest trails.

In 2010, the Commission asked voters at the 2010 Town Meeting to allow funds from the Land Use Change Tax to not only be used for land purchase, but also be expended for the protection and improvement of properties in which the Town has an interest. Passing of this expanded definition now allows the Commission to properly care for the properties under its jurisdiction using those funds instead of having to request additional funding from the Town. The change also allows revenue from conservation projects to be placed back into the Land Conservation Fund instead of going into the General Fund.

The Conservation Commission meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please see the Town website for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Elwell, Chair

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Commission is again coordinating its annual low-cost compost bin sale to area residents. The home compost bin helps residents recycle some of the estimated 25% of the average household's waste that consists of yard trimmings and kitchen scraps that could be easily composted. Compost can be used as a rich soil amendment for plants and gardens. Stratham residents save the Town more than $110 for every ton of waste they compost because it does not need to be shipped out of town for disposal. If you would like to purchase a compost bin for $45, you may pick up an order form at the Town Office. Payment for the bins is due no later than April 1, 2011.

STRATHAM HILL PARK ASSOCIATION

The Park Association supported a number of projects at the Park this year. The skating pond was a large focus for the group this year. After lessons learned from the last winter season, the pond area was dredged in the fall by Greg Blood and I along with help from the Stratham DPW. Heaters were added to the skate shack this fall with donated labor from Dan Whittier along with a fire pit from Greg Blood near the pond. This along with last year's addition of lighting to the skating area has made the skating pond a wonderful space for skaters. Buxton Oil and Water Company of Exeter contributed more than 24,000 gallons of water to fill the pond this year. Park Ranger Kim Woods has diligently maintained the area. The Park Association contributed 50% of the cost of a new snow-blower attachment to her tractor to help keep the ice clear.

During the spring and summer months the Special Projects Committee, co-chaired by Vicky Avery and Beth Salzman, worked on fundraising projects. The group once again held the Cow Flop Contest at the Stratham Fair in July. The events raised $1,200 for the SHPA.

In October the annual "Fire Tower 5K" cross country fund raising race was combined with the first annual "No Brakes Bike Race", in honor of former Park President and Stratham native Gordon Barker. The two events were held as a dualathon to benefit the SHPA. Race organizers Jordan Ambargis and Dave Short worked to bring 300 athletes, young and old, and their families to the Park to enjoy the day and provided over $5,000 to the Park Association fund with $1,000 earmarked for trail maintenance.

At the November meeting of the Association, the SHPA voted to change the group's bylaws to include support of other town committees in the improvement and development of areas adjacent to the Park.

Members of the Park Association worked with the Conservation Commission and volunteers from the Timberland Corporation to upgrade the trails connecting the Park and the Town Forest.

In the spring, Stratham Boy Scout Scott Gallant completed his Eagle Scout project to restore and install the ten foot tall Park sign along Route 33.

We welcome our new Parks and Recreation Director Seth Hickey and look forward to the expanded number of programs for all ages held at Stratham Hill Park. We also send a big THANK YOU to Park Ranger Kim Woods for all she does year-round to keep our Park the jewel that it is! I look forward to another exciting year for the Park in 2011. The Special Projects Committee will continue to research ideas to maintain the Park and enhance this community resource. They would welcome suggestions from all town residents. The Association always welcomes members of the community to be involved as we continue our role as stewards of this wonderful area. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each odd month at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. To stay connected, join our group on FaceBook, 'Stratham Hill Park,'or follow us on Twitter, @CowFlopNH.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Crow, President

PARKS & RECREATION

Within the first quarter of 2011, we are hoping to have a software program to allow the community the convenience of online registration and payment. This software will also simplify data collection for all of our recreation programs.

Volunteer screening and development has also been a top priority. I have begun the process of creating a support system for our extensive network to ensure we recruit and maintain the highest quality volunteers in the area.

Capital Improvements to Stevens Park are expected to be completed in early spring of 2011. This summer, the Town's portion of the Babe Ruth Field was completed. With the support of the highly motivated Baseball Board, the field should be ready for next season. We have the first phase completed on the new softball field; Phase II, shall be completed by late spring. We are hopeful the residents will support our Capital Improvement Request to finish this project. Unfortunately, we will not have the field ready for play this year. This will leave the Stratham Softball program limited to only one field in Stratham, but we are hoping to partner with neighboring communities and our local schools to remedy this issue.

We are a Department with a strong, bright future. As the playing field projects conclude at Stevens, we look to our other needs at the Park, such as a pavilion and permanent toilet facilities. There is great potential at this athletic facility. More infrastructure is needed to support our growing youth programs. We will soon be looking to our community, both residents and businesses, for support as we plan for these next phases of our capital improvements at the Park. Corporate sponsorship is on the horizon for the Department. Within the next few months I hope to have opportunities for businesses to become more involved with the parks here in Town.

By March, we will have a new dog ordinance in place for Stevens Park. The ordinance will be similar to what the Town currently has for Stratham Hill Park. The ordinance will provide leverage for the local police to enforce our "No Animal" policy at Stevens Park. Information on the new ordinance will be provided through the Town Clerk as residents license their dogs. With the new ordinance at Stevens, the Parks and Recreation Department will be promoting the places in our community that are open to dogs. We are hoping to revamp our dog park area of Stratham Hill Park (at the end of Jack Rabbit Lane). The Department is currently in need of a business to sponsor a dog clean-up station at the parking lot area.

I would like to thank the Stratham Hill Park Association for a wonderful event in October over at the Park. The event was successful beyond anyone's expectations. The weather was perfect for the races, and we all had a great time. The Department would like to thank Greg Blood for the time he donated in renovating the ice skating area at the Park. Thank you to the Park Association for the donation of funds to allow the Town to purchase the machine to clear the ice surface of snow!

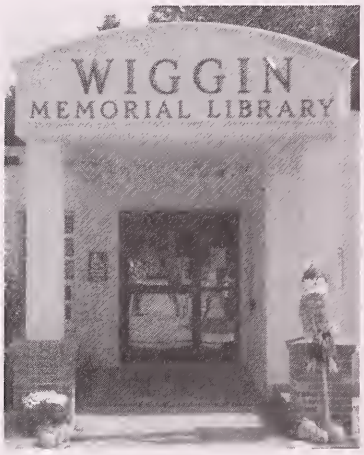
I look forward to working with all of you in the near future and am open to any suggestions. I hope to see you soon at the Park!

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Hickey, Parks & Recreation Director

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Your Library – Better than Ever!

Thanks to community support, the full renovation and expansion of your library was completed in 2010. More than 100 people came to the Library Open House in September and hundreds more have visited the library since then, and the overwhelming response has been: WOW! It's hard to believe that what you see today is the same space we occupied just 2 years ago. We are double our previous size, have several different types of meeting spaces open to the public, have expanded collections and room to browse, have more easily accessible public computers and up-to-date technology, and we have a welcoming reading/browsing/social area right when you enter the library.





We're still the library you know and love: We still have the latest bestsellers and DVDs; We still have librarians who can help you find information or use the computers; We still have audiobooks on CD or for download; We still host programs and speakers for all ages on many topics; We still offer the most summer fun for free.
BUT, NOW we also offer ebooks for download to your e-reader or computer, online classes for credit, foreign language education online, space for you to have meetings or events, and enough room for many people to browse the collections comfortably, attend an activity, study quietly, and chat with a friend – all at the same time.

That's **YOUR LIBRARY – BETTER THAN EVER!**

Below is a visual representation of comments we've been receiving about the library and the renovations. If you haven't stopped by yet we hope you will soon; we'd love to add your comments to the conversation. **Thank you for letting us be the best library we can for you.**



Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Kimball, Director





September 25, 2010 Open House
at the newly renovated library.





HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 2010, the Highway Department had another successful year keeping the Town safe. Compared to many recent years, the winter was overall quieter and the spring less rainy. Our various duties at the Highway Department include maintaining the Town roads, cemeteries, transfer station, and all the grounds of Town buildings and to assist when needed at Parks and Recreation.

Last year, much work was done at Stevens Park to help build a new ball field due to the closure of the Community College. All the attention given to the maintenance of the recreation fields takes time away from regularly scheduled Town road and building maintenance. Increased acreage of recreational fields is putting a great demand on the crew at the Highway Department. Due to the expansion of this acreage, it may be necessary for an additional employee to keep these fields maintained at the level expected by the residents of this community.

Another area behind the Municipal Center is scheduled to be prepared for a future softball field in 2011 for the community. Preparation work to be done by the Highway Department includes stumping, smoothing, hauling fill, etc. Using the Highway Department for these work details saves the Town considerable funds. Roadside shoulder repair, patching, brush cutting and roadside mowing must be continued while still devoting hours to maintain the recreation fields.

In 2010 we finished paving Butterfield Lane and a section of Union Road was totally replaced. This year we plan to continue with work on various roadways showing the need. That need will be evaluated in the spring with the Board of Selectmen. All work on this is dependent upon receiving budgeted funds for this project.

We are asking for residents to slow down in work zones and observe posted speed limits. Please keep mailboxes four feet back from the edge of the pavement and 42-48" high as to avoid wing plow damage. If you are not aware, it is illegal to push snow out into the road. We ask for your help with this in keeping our roads safe for all.

Thank you for your cooperation and wishing all of you a safe and happy 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hutton, Jr.
Highway Agent

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The 2010 mosquito season was quiet and rather uneventful, but I'm not complaining. It was nice to have a season where Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) wasn't ruining the summer. Dry conditions helped to keep the mosquito population down. New Hampshire didn't escape the year without some arboviral activity. There was one EEE horse in Freedom, one West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito sample in Manchester and a human case of WNV in Mason, NH. Over the border, Massachusetts was experiencing record levels of disease activity prompting the State to conduct aerial spraying in some counties.

Dragon has identified 97 larval mosquito habitats in the Town of Stratham. Crews checked larval habitats 425 times throughout the season. There were 232 sites treated to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 767 catch basin treatments were made to combat disease carrying mosquitoes. Adult mosquitoes were monitored at four locations throughout Town. The mosquitoes were collected in light traps, identified to species, and sent to the State Lab to be tested for diseases. None of the mosquitoes collected in Town tested positive for disease. Spraying to control adult mosquitoes was conducted last season along roadways in Stratham, in addition to Stratham Hill Park, Stevens Park and the schools.

The proposed 2011 Mosquito Control plan for Stratham includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, efficacy monitoring, truck spraying along roadways and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are located in stagnant water such as swamps, salt marshes, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes begins in July. The mosquito control program ends in late September or early October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

Dragon will be introducing an organic larvicide to our arsenal of products for the municipal control program. Natular™ will be the first organic larvicide used to control mosquitoes for municipalities in NH. Natular™ is listed by the Organic Material Review Institute (OMRI) for use in and around organic agriculture.

Homeowners can reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yard by emptying outdoor containers that hold standing water such as buckets, trash barrels, and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in bird baths every 2 or 3 days.

If you're new in Town and do not want your property treated for mosquitoes, then a written request is needed. Please send a letter to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. Anyone who sent a written request in 2010 may call the office to reaffirm your request. Our phone number is 964-8400. You may call our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, the insecticides we use, spray dates, or questions about EEE or WNV.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah MacGregor, President
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.

STRATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

As we begin our 41st season, we can look back on another busy and productive year. On January 11th, we began the season with a hilarious talk by Carl Lindblade entitled "A Romping Look Through New Hampshire History", which kept us all laughing. On March 14th we had a very informative program by Dr. Jere R. Daniell, "The Coming Revolution", the first of a three part lecture series. On April 18th, our Annual Appraisal Day was a great success with a generous number of appraisals. Our 2009-2010 season ended with the May 10th annual meeting and potluck supper.

In July we sold pizza at the Stratham Fair again and realized an unusually good profit. Awards from the Scholarship Fund were again presented. This year was exceptional since we had six high school applicants who were outstanding and each received a $1,000.00 scholarship. For the first time we also presented a graduate award of $2,500.00 to Benjamin Curran, an MA candidate at Plymouth State University, who plans to do research on the impact of increased salinity on Strawbery Banke's architectural and archeological features.

During the summer there were more repairs to our historical building. Peter Wiggin did extensive repair work to the front steps. Re-pointing of the exterior stone walls and application of a guaranteed watershield was also done. Because of all this exterior work, the gardens have not yet been replaced, but this work will be done soon. We also hope to install the Jerry Batchelder memorial bench at that time.

Our fall programs began on September 13th with the program "Fish, Trees, Sheep and Factories" by Professor Jeff Bolster, author of many related articles and books. This meeting was held jointly with the Wiggin Memorial Library and drew a large crowd. Our final meeting of 2010 was held on November 8th when Captain Rodney Watterson, UNH PhD and US Navy retiree, spoke on "Portsmouth, World War II Boomtown". On December 6th we held our Christmas Open House with many lovely decorations, delicious food and seasonal music played on our antique pump organ by Beverly Connelly. A larger group than usual attended this event in spite of a very cold afternoon.

In October we lost another long time member with the death of Margery M. Muller. She and her husband of 61 years, John H. Muller, were faithful members for many years. Margery was a talented artist and an accomplished musician.

We received a number of new donations in 2010 and are now in the process of accessioning them. Many people visited the Society on our open days and we added a few new members to our roster.

As always, the members of the Society would like to thank all Stratham residents for your support. Without your help and encouragement we would not be here.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Scammon Hyland, President

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Heritage Commission was established by the Town to be responsible for "the proper recognition, use and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts and to exercise such authority as authorized under RSA 674:44-b."

ADVISE AND ASSIST: Throughout 2010 the Heritage Commission assisted the Planning Board and Planning Office, most notably with the preparation of the Gateway District architectural and site design guidance document. In addition, the Commission Chair prepared a historical background section for the Town Center Master Plan.

Florence Wiggin, alternate member of the Commission, was appointed to the Tercentenary Committee. At the end of 2010, the Commission published the first three of an ongoing series of postcards with views of historically significant sites in Stratham. Profits from sales of the cards will be used to support the work of the Tercentenary Committee.

SURVEY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES: In February the Commission organized a workshop for survey volunteers led by Kari LaPrey of the Preservation Company. Following that workshop, the Commission produced a research bibliography and handbook, as well as notebooks of maps, Town directories, census documents and other materials used by survey researchers. The Commission is grateful to the volunteers who have been working on surveys, and will be offering training for volunteers in 2011. We can always use volunteers interested in researching our historic properties. To find out more please call the Commission Chair.

VETERAN'S GARDEN AND REGISTRY: The Commission, through the efforts of member Nancy Hansen, is responsible for engraving names on the bricks and granite monuments at the Garden. Also, the Commission is creating a registry of Stratham veterans beginning with the Revolution. Forms for submitting names for engraving on bricks and monuments, and inclusion in the registry, are available at the Town Office, the Library, or the Commission. Veterans, honorably discharged, are encouraged to submit a form. Additions are made in May and November. In 2010 four veterans' names were engraved on monuments and eight bricks were added.

HERITAGE RECOGNITION: The Commission has planned a salute to Stratham's agricultural heritage that will feature a panel discussion of long-time Stratham farmers moderated by Lorraine Stuart Merrill, Stratham dairy farmer and NH Commissioner of Agriculture. The program will be held on February 11, 2011.

HERITAGE PROTECTION: The Commission is aware of historically significant properties in Stratham that are at risk or in need of protection. In consultation with the NH Preservation Alliance and the NH Division of Historical Resources, in December we began working with preservation professionals to document and evaluate the condition of the Kenniston Tavern.

The Heritage Commission meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Mitchell, Chair
Phone: (778-7979)

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2009

Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

July 1, 2010

To the Board of Selectmen of
Town of Stratham, New Hampshire

Board members:

We have audited the financial statements of Town of Stratham, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated July 1, 2010. As part of our audit of the financial statements of Town of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, we are required to communicate certain matters to you in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. The appendices to this letter set forth those communications as follows:

I. Communication on Internal Control Matters Identified During the Audit

II. Auditors' Communication of Significant Matters with those Charged with Governance

These communications are intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Selectmen, and are not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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Appendix I

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Town of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Stratham's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Town's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town's internal control. We consider the following deficiency to be a significant deficiency in internal control:

Ancillary Accountability

The Town provides facilities, equipment, insurance and staff to several ancillary groups during the year, including, but not limited to the Stratham Hill Park Association and the volunteer fire department association. In addition, appropriations are made from the Town budget to fund these groups' activities to a certain degree. In the past, these organizations have operated independently from the Town. Therefore, we recommend the tax status (501 (c) 3 organizations) and filing requirements (990's) of these groups be identified in order to properly include or properly exclude these groups from the Town's general fund for accounting purposes.

Management's Response

Management has had some success in bringing the activity of these groups on the books of the Town and under management of the Recreational Revolving fund. However, management is still working with some groups to establish them as part of the Town or as separate legal entities. Management believes these issues will be resolved in the near future.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Appendix 2

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated March 6, 2010, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our engagement letter dated March 6, 2010.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Town of Stratham, New Hampshire are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2009. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Significant Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a significant audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. These adjustments may include those proposed by us but not recorded by the Town that could potentially cause future financial statements to be materially misstated, even though we have concluded that such adjustments are not material to the current financial statements. We proposed and the Town adjusted the financial statements for several audit adjustments. The significant effects of these adjustments are as follows:

	Net Income Effect
To record the State Education Grant	$1,469,989
To capitalize amounts expensed	1,007,892
To adjust taxes receivable	1,914,019
To record depreciation expense	(540,174)
To adjust grant receivable	(64,200)
To adjust the payable to School Districts	(1,021,496)
Total Net Income Effect	$2,766,030

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated July 1, 2010.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Town's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Current Year Audit Findings or Issues

1. The police department issues gun permits during the year and files them in alphabetical order. This order makes it almost impossible to account for permits by permit number. We recommend the Town track and file the permits by number. This will allow someone to monitor the number of permits issued during the year for a quick analysis of the beginning and ending permit numbers.

Prior Year Audit Findings or Issues

1. The Town and transfer station both issue transfer station permits. Although the permits are pre-numbered, the numerical sequence is not accounted for, and voided permits are discarded. This lack of procedure completely defeats the checks and balances that pre-numbered documents can provide. We recommend permits issued and on hand be accounted for by permit number and reconciled monthly. This will ensure all issued permits have been recorded and any unissued permits can be identified.

 Follow-up
 The Town is currently tracking transfer station permits by permit number. This will strengthen the controls over permits and the collection of transfer station fees.

2. The police department issues gun permits during the year. These permits are pre-numbered and tracked in excel. However, permit numbers are not identified in excel. We recommend an inventory of all pre-numbered permits be taken and all sales tracked by permit number. This will allow for a review of all sold, voided, or permits in inventory on a monthly basis.

 Follow-up
 See current year item above.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2009

Within this section of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's (Town) annual financial report, the Town's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. The discussion focuses on the Town's primary government and, unless otherwise noted, component units reported separately from the primary government are not included.

Financial Highlights

- The Town's assets exceeded its liabilities by $16,245,860 (net assets) for the fiscal year reported. This compares to the previous year when the assets exceeded liabilities by $15,377,373.

- The Town had total revenue of $25,340,998, in which $21,444,342 came from the collection of taxes. This is a $515,713 increase from last year's revenue.

- The Town had total expenditures of $25,605,724, which is a $766,776 decrease from last year. The decrease in expenditures is due largely to the decrease in capital outlays for the public safety buildings.

- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was $1,118,122 or 4.3% of total General Fund expenditures including transfers and 4.4% of total General Fund revenues including transfers.

- Total liabilities of the Town decreased by $1,103,058 to $16,445,456 during the year. The decrease in the liabilities is due to the decrease in the amounts due for bonds and the school districts.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's discussion and analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The Town also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Town's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The first of these government-wide statements is the Statement of Net Assets. This is the Town-wide statement of financial position presenting information that includes all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall economic health of the Town would extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of Town infrastructure in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the statement of activities which reports how the Town's net assets changed during the current year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the Town's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the Town's taxpayers

Both governmental-wide financial statements distinguish governmental activities of the Town that are periodically supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, such as grants, and from business type activities that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. Governmental activities included general government, public safety, public services, education, and culture and recreation.

Notes to the Financial Statements

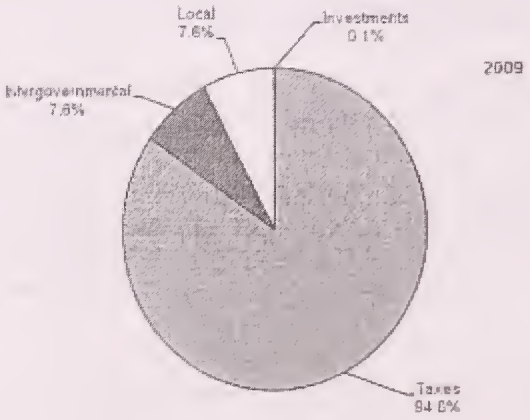
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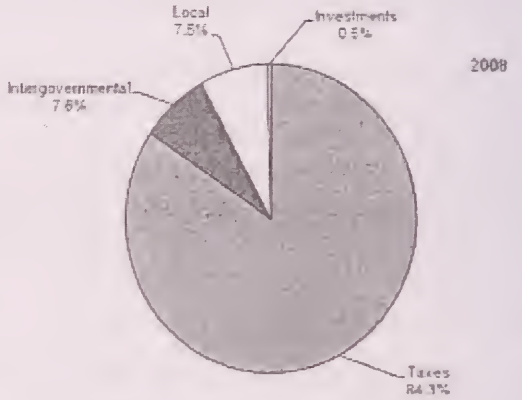
Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole

As year-to-year financial information is accumulated on a consistent basis, changes in net assets may be used to monitor the changing financial position of the Town as a whole.

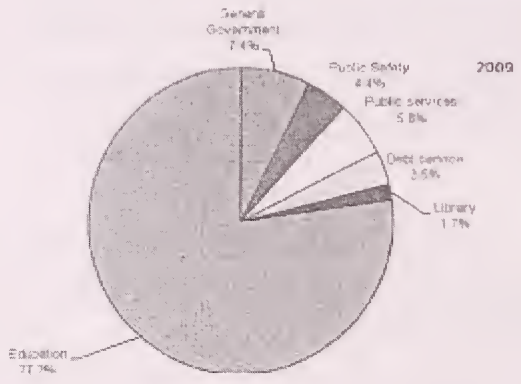
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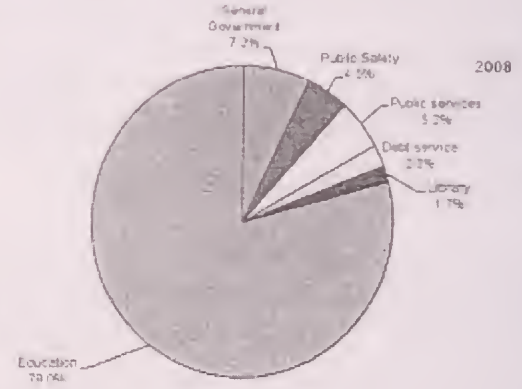
GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES





GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES





Long-term Debt

At year-end the Town had $8,049,000 in bonds outstanding, of which $489,000 will be due in the year 2010. More detail is provided in the notes to financial statements.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need any additional financial information, contact the appropriate financial official (Town Treasurer or Town Administrator) at 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, New Hampshire, 03885.

Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectman
Town Of Stratham
Stratham, NH 03885

We have audited the accompanying government-wide and governmental fund financial statements of the Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 1, 2010, on our consideration of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consist principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Brown, Johnson & Co. P.C.

Topsfield, Massachusetts
July 1, 2010

Bernard, Johnson & Company, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Selectman
Town Of Stratham
Stratham, NH 03885

We have audited the accompanying government-wide and governmental fund financial statements of the Town Of Stratham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 1, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town of Stratham's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that misstatement of the Town's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Stratham's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards.*

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, in a separate letter dated July 1, 2010.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, Town Selectmen, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Bernard, Johnson, L.P.C.

Topsfield, Massachusetts
July 1, 2010

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,429,180
Investments - at market	416,257
Receivables:	
Taxes - uncollected	906,284
Taxes - unredeemed	216,544
Other	-
	10,968,265
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Roads	5,897,564
Land	6,764,129
Buildings and improvements	8,232,739
Equipment and vehicles	828,619
	21,723,051
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 32,691,316
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES:	
Due to school districts	$ 7,556,709
Deferred revenue	839,747
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	489,000
Due in more than one year	7,560,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,445,456
NET ASSETS:	
Restricted for:	
Trust principal	416,257
Other purposes	813,398
Unrestricted	1,342,154
Invested in capitial assets, net of related debt	13,674,051
TOTAL NET ASSETS	16,245,860
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	$ 32,691,316

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Government Operations	Expenses	Charge for Services	Grants	Net
General government	$ 1,712,679	$ (229,307)	$ -	$ 1,483,372
Public safety	1,029,150	(43,656)	(4,406)	981,088
Highway and streets	452,912	-	-	452,912
Sanitation	613,889	-	-	613,889
Health and welfare	145,692	-	-	145,692
Parks and recreation	140,761	(18,362)	-	122,399
Debt service interest	329,140	-	-	329,140
Library	377,335	(34,944)	-	342,391
County	1,140,212	-	-	1,140,212
School districts	17,969,316	-	(1,469,989)	16,499,327
Depreciation	540,174	-	-	540,174
Total governmental operations	$ 24,451,260	$ (326,269)	$ (1,474,395)	$ 22,650,596
General Revenues:				
Taxes				21,444,342
Intergovernmental				459,665
Motor vehicle registration				1,272,488
Other				306,490
Investments				36,098
Total general revenue				23,519,083
Change in net assets				868,487
Net Assets - Beginning				15,377,373
Net Assets - Ending				$ 16,245,860

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Governmental Fund Types				Total Government
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts	2009
ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 7,640,882	$ 889,984	$ 64,437	$ 833,877	$ 9,429,180
Taxes receivable	1,122,828	-	-	-	1,122,828
Other receivables	-	-	-	-	-
Tax deeded property	18,300	-	-	-	18,300
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 8,782,010	$ 889,984	$ 64,437	$ 833,877	$ 10,570,308
LIABILITIES:					
Due to school districts	$ 7,556,709	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 7,556,709
Deferred revenue	-	839,747	-	-	839,747
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,556,709	839,747	-	-	8,396,456
FUND EQUITY:					
Appropriated	107,179	-	64,437	706,219	877,835
Unappropriated	1,118,122	50,237	-	127,658	1,296,017
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,225,301	50,237	64,437	833,877	2,173,852
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$ 8,782,010	$ 889,984	$ 64,437	$ 833,877	$ 10,570,308
Net Assets - Governmental Funds					$ 2,173,852
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different due to:					
Non-current capital assets					21,704,751
Non-expendable trusts					416,257
Non-current long-term debt					(8,049,000)
Net Assets					$ 16,245,860

The accompany notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum only)	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust	General Long-Term Debt	2009	2008
ASSETS:							
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 7,640,882	$ 889,984	$ 64,437	$ 833,877	$ -	$ 9,429,180	$ 8,211,856
Investments - at market	-	-	-	416,257	-	416,257	350,061
Receivables:							
Taxes - uncollected	906,284	-	-	-	-	906,284	2,884,164
Taxes - unredeemed	216,544	-	-	-	-	216,544	152,683
Tax deeded property	18,300	-	-	-	-	18,300	18,300
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,790
Amount to be raised for the retirement of long term debt	-	-	-	-	8,049,000	8,049,000	8,542,000
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 8,782,010	$ 889,984	$ 64,437	$ 1,250,134	$ 8,049,000	$ 19,035,565	$ 20,230,854
LIABILITIES:							
Due to school districts	$ 7,556,709	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 7,556,709	$ 8,005,202
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	8,049,000	8,049,000	8,542,000
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	839,747	-	-	-	839,747	1,001,312
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,556,709	839,747	-	-	8,049,000	16,445,456	17,548,514
FUND EQUITY:							
Appropriated	107,179	-	64,437	706,219	-	877,835	1,054,524
Unappropriated	1,118,122	50,237	-	-	-	1,168,359	1,152,931
Unexpendable trust principal	-	-	-	416,257	-	416,257	350,061
Expendable trust income	-	-	-	127,658	-	127,658	124,824
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,225,301	50,237	64,437	1,250,134	-	2,590,109	2,682,340
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$ 8,782,010	$ 889,984	$ 64,437	$ 1,250,134	$ 8,049,000	$ 19,035,565	$ 20,230,854

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust
REVENUE:				
Taxes	$ 21,444,342	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental sources	1,934,060	-	-	-
Local sources	1,891,554	34,944	-	-
Investments	11,335	-	76	24,687
TOTAL REVENUE	25,281,291	34,944	76	24,687
EXPENDITURES:				
General government	1,712,679	-	-	-
Public safety	1,029,150	-	-	-
Highway and streets	452,912	-	-	-
Sanitation	613,889	-	-	-
Health & welfare	145,692	-	-	-
Parks & recreation	140,761	-	-	-
Debt service	822,140	-	-	-
Capital outlay & special warrants	1,189,855	-	-	-
Library	-	388,650	-	-
County	1,140,212	-	-	-
School districts	17,969,316	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	468
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,216,606	388,650	-	468
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	64,685	(353,706)	76	24,219
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers in	510,000	380,335	822,140	178,185
Operating transfers out	(549,690)	-	(841,886)	(392,785)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(39,690)	380,335	(19,746)	(214,600)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	24,995	26,629	(19,670)	(190,381)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,200,306	23,608	84,107	1,024,258
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	$ 1,225,301	$ 50,237	$ 64,437	$ 833,877

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	2009	2008
REVENUE:		
Taxes	$ 21,444,342	$ 21,024,410
Intergovernmental sources	1,934,060	1,900,335
Local sources	1,926,498	1,894,263
Investments	36,098	6,277
TOTAL REVENUE	25,340,998	24,825,285
EXPENDITURES:		
General government	1,712,679	1,666,194
Public Safety	1,029,150	1,051,980
Highway and streets	452,912	479,643
Sanitation	613,889	603,425
Health & welfare	145,692	119,429
Parks & recreation	140,761	169,723
Debt service	822,140	530,467
Capital outlay & special warrants	1,189,855	1,939,048
Library	388,650	400,799
County	1,140,212	1,116,243
School districts	17,969,316	18,295,299
Other	468	250
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,605,724	26,372,500
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	(264,726)	(1,547,215)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Operating transfers in	1,890,660	1,211,176
Operating transfers out	(1,784,361)	(1,061,702)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	106,299	149,474
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(158,427)	(1,397,741)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,332,279	3,730,020
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	$ 2,173,852	$ 2,332,279

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE:			
Taxes	$ 21,344,760	$ 21,444,342	$ 99,582
Intergovernmental sources	1,919,534	1,934,060	14,526
Local sources	1,730,268	1,891,554	161,286
Investments	15,000	11,335	(3,665)
TOTAL REVENUE	25,009,562	25,281,291	271,729
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	1,813,721	1,712,679	101,042
Public safety	1,008,714	1,029,150	(20,436)
Highway and streets	578,584	452,912	125,672
Sanitation	627,290	613,889	13,401
Health & welfare	135,448	145,692	(10,244)
Parks & recreation	174,900	140,761	34,139
Debt service	822,326	822,140	186
Capital outlay & special warrants	1,185,983	1,189,855	(3,872)
Library	-	-	-
County	1,140,212	1,140,212	-
School districts	17,969,316	17,969,316	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,456,494	25,216,606	239,888
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(446,932)	64,685	511,617
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in	510,000	510,000	-
Operating transfers out	(522,334)	(549,690)	(27,356)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	(12,334)	(39,690)	(27,356)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(459,266)	24,995	484,261
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,200,306	1,200,306	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	$ 741,040	$ 1,225,301	$ 484,261

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Special Revenue Fund Types		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUE:			
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental sources	-	-	-
Local sources	-	34,944	34,944
Investments	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	-	34,944	34,944
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-
Highway and streets	-	-	-
Sanitation	-	-	-
Health & welfare	-	-	-
Parks & recreation	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-
Capital outlay & special warrants	-	-	-
Library	377,335	388,650	(11,315)
County	-	-	-
School districts	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	377,335	388,650	(11,315)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(377,335)	(353,706)	23,629
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in	377,335	380,335	3,000
Operating transfers out	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	377,335	380,335	3,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	-	26,629	26,629
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	23,608	23,608	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	$ 23,608	$ 50,237	$ 26,629

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trusts
REVENUES:	
New trusts	$ 2,400
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	63,796
TOTAL REVENUES	66,196
EXPENDITURES	-
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	66,196
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	350,061
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	$ 416,257

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trusts
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES -	
Operating Income	$ 12,913
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS	12,913
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchase of securities	-
Unrealized/realized gain on securities	(17,048)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(17,048)
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(4,135)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	74,609
CASH AT END OF YEAR	$ 70,474

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The financial statements of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire, (the Town) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town was incorporated in 1716 under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and operates under an elected three-member Board of Selectmen.

The Town meets the criteria established by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as a primary governmental entity for financial reporting purposes, and has determined under GASB Statement #14 that currently, no other entity in the Town qualifies as a component unit.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or activity is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or activity and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital function of a particular function or activity. Taxes and other items not considered property, included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

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C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.* Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.* Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is made.

The following are the Town's governmental fund types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. All general appropriations that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to another fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds. Activities are generally financed through property taxes, motor vehicle registrations and other general revenue.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trust or major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action. The funds included in this group include the operation of the public library.

Capital Projects Funds - The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the acquisition of land for, and the construction of, the new Safety Complex as approved by Town Meeting.

Expendable Trust - Expendable trusts are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity. Expendable trusts (in which the corpus can be spent) are accounted for in a similar fashion to governmental fund types.

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D. Compensated Absences

Upon termination, employees are paid for all unused time in their paid leave bank and compensatory time. Accumulated paid leave and compensatory time for employees paid out of governmental funds are recorded as an expenditure when due for payment.

E. Accounting for Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed in the governmental funds. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balance since they do not yet constitute expenditures or liabilities. There were no outstanding encumbrances at year end.

F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. Investments

Marketable equity securities and debt securities are classified as either held to maturity, trading, or available-for-sale. Debt securities classified as held-to-maturity should be reported in the balance sheet at amortized cost. Trading securities and available-for-sale securities are reported at fair value.

H. Budgetary Control

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the Town's general fund. Budgets are prepared by department and character (salaries, utilities, supplies, etc.). The budget is voted on and enacted at the Town Meeting in the aggregate. The final budget is then presented to the Department of Revenue Administration for their review and approval of the tax rate. Certain limitations set by state statue must be adhered to before the rate is established. Since the budget is voted on in the aggregate the total becomes the legal level of control. Within this control level, the selectmen may transfer appropriations without further action from the Town.

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1. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and certain infrastructure assets, are reported in the governmental activities in the government-wide statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than $5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The Town has only capitalized governmental infrastructure assets acquired since 2003. Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each asset. The estimated useful lives range from 5-50 years.

CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009
Governmental Activities:

	ASSETS			
	Balance 12-31-08	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12-31-09
Land	$ 6,745,829	$ -	$ -	$ 6,745,829
Buildings and improvements	8,809,775	292,131	-	9,101,906
Roads	6,386,399	225,761	-	6,612,160
Equipment and vehicles	2,293,417	490,000	307,640	2,475,777
Totals	$24,235,420	$1,007,892	$ 307,640	$24,935,672
	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
Buildings and improvements	$ 625,631	$ 243,536	$ -	$ 869,167
Roads	586,868	127,728	-	714,596
Equipment and vehicles	1,785,888	168,910	307,640	1,647,158
Totals	$ 2,998,387	$ 540,174	$ 307,640	$ 3,230,921

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

The Town's cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

RSA 48:16 requires that all funds belonging to the Town be deposited in solvent banks within the state, except funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge and deliver collateral to the state treasurer of equal value as the funds deposited. There is no requirement of an in-state bank to collateralize deposits in excess of FDIC insurance.

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3. APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

The balance in the general fund account - appropriated fund balance - represents unexpended funds for current and previous years' special appropriations for the following purposes:

Library renovations	$ 32,869
Municipal repairs	25,000
Gateway district	20,000
Reassessment	12,250
Stevens park	11,697
Office technologies	5,363
	$ 107,179

The balance in the trust funds represents unexpended capital reserve accounts established for the following:

Land conservation	$485,979
Radio replacement	92,831
Fire department	127,409
	$706,219

4. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW:

Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

5. PROPERTY TAX CYCLE:

Property taxes are based on values assessed as of April 1, and are billed semi-annually. The taxes are normally due by July 1 and December 1, respectively, or thirty days subsequent to the mailing date, whichever is later. Taxes due and unpaid after the respective due date are subject to interest at 12%. The Town has an ultimate right to foreclose on property for which taxes have not been paid. Thirty days after the taxes become delinquent the tax collector can initiate the tax lien/sale procedure by notifying the taxpayer by certified mail that they have 32 days to pay the bill or a lien shall be recorded against the property at the Registrar of Deeds. Once such lien is placed, interest increases to 18%. If full redemption of such outstanding tax lien is not timely made within two years of the execution of the lien, including statutory interest and costs accrued thereon, a tax deed may be issued to the holder of such lien pursuant to RSA 80:38 or RSA 80:76, and disposed of as the deed holder shall determine within the limits outlined in RSA 80.

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6. SPECIAL REVENUE CASH:

Special revenue cash consists of the following:

Road bonds	$ 450,760
EMS	124,271
Recreation revolving fund	90,504
Police details	77,208
Library funds	50,237
Fire protection fund	45,987
SHPA recreation funds	10,926
SHP Recreational revolving fund	15,788
Lindt impact	10,010
Drug forfeiture funds	9,040
Heritage funds	3,452
Gifford deposit	1,801
	$ 889,984

7. CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

The Town's cash deposits and investments at December 31, 2009, are categorized by maturity date and by the level of risk assumed by the Town. The risk categories are defined as follows:

(1) Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or its agent in Town's name;
(2) Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Town's name;
(3) Uncollateralized or uninsured for which securities are held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.

At December 31, 2009, the Town's deposits and investments consisted of the following:

	Categories			Total Cost	Market Value
	1	2	3		
Demand deposits	$460,130	$ -	$ 8,545,536	$ 9,005,666	$ 9,005,666
Securities	-	-	409,173	409,173	416,257
New Hampshire Public Deposit and Investment Pool	-	423,514	-	423,514	423,514
	$460,130	$ 423,514	$ 8,954,709	$ 9,838,353	$ 9,845,437

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8. RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET AS APPROVED AT TOWN MEETING TO GAAP BASIS BUDGET:

Total appropriations - Town Meeting	$6,146,090
Add: Prior years' appropriations expended	
Playing fields	56,083
Tax mapping	14,900
Less: 2009 Appropriations carried forward	
Library renovations	(32,869)
Municipal center	(25,000)
Gateway district	(20,000)
Reassessment	(12,250)
Stevens park	(11,697)
Office technologies	(2,969)
Computer replacement	(2,394)
	$6,109,894

9. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT:

General governmental liabilities for retirement of long-term debts are accounted for in the general long-term debt group. Amounts due in future periods on long-term debt recorded in the account group are provided by appropriation each year.

At December 31, 2009, the general long-term debt of the Town consists of general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of $5,000,000 for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities for the safety complex, general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of $140,000 for Gifford house renovations, and general obligation bonds with an original issue amount of $4,444,000 for the construction of the fire house and purchase of conservation land. The total amount outstanding under these bonds at December 31, 2009 is $8,049,000.

2007 Serial Bonds, with the first installment due January, 2009 in the amount of $229,000, then annual installments of $225,000 through 2016, decreasing to annual installments of $220,000 through January, 2028 with scheduled interest increasing from 3.75% to 4.25% (3.75% in January, 2009). The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2009 is $4,215,000.

2003 Serial Bonds, due in annual installments of $250,000 through January 2024, with scheduled interest increasing from 2.5% to 4.25% (2.75% in January 2009). The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2009 is $3,750,000.

9. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

2006 Serial Bonds, due in annual installments of $14,000 through December, 2015, with interest fixed at 4.75%. The amount outstanding under this bond at December 31, 2009 is $84,000.

Principal payments with terms in excess of one year mature as follows:

December, 2009, payable January 2010	489,000
December, 2010	489,000
December, 2011	489,000
December, 2012	489,000
Beyond	6,093,000

TOWN OF STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
TAXES:			
Property	$ 21,344,187	$ 21,352,769	$ 8,582
Land use change	-	91,000	91,000
Yield tax	573	573	-
	21,344,760	21,444,342	99,582
INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES:			
Adequate education grant-state	1,469,989	1,469,989	-
Shared revenues-state	323,040	323,040	-
Highway subsidies-state	126,505	126,174	(331)
Police grants-federal	-	4,406	4,406
Conservation & other-state	-	10,451	10,451
	1,919,534	1,934,060	14,526
LOCAL SOURCES:			
Police department	-	5,746	5,746
Motor vehicle registrations	1,262,000	1,272,488	10,488
Franchise fee	119,168	119,168	-
Interest on deposits	15,000	11,335	(3,665)
Rent & sale of town property	49,600	78,231	28,631
Permits, filing fees	-	43,310	43,310
Dog licenses	-	9,517	9,517
Building permits	28,500	92,622	64,122
Interest & penalties on taxes	60,000	90,754	30,754
Income from departments	195,000	85,157	(109,843)
Reimbursements & other	16,000	94,561	78,561
	1,745,268	1,902,889	157,621
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 25,009,562	$ 25,281,291	$ 271,729

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	$ 135,535	$ 133,996	$ 1,539
Election, registration, and vital statistics	4,625	9,226	(4,601)
Financial administration	341,706	330,290	11,416
Legal	25,000	41,453	(16,453)
Personnel administration	711,870	668,275	43,595
Planning and zoning	205,960	202,009	3,951
General government buildings	125,717	106,869	18,848
Cemeteries	38,300	32,539	5,761
Insurance	77,640	77,640	-
Abatements/refunds	147,368	110,382	36,986
	1,813,721	1,712,679	101,042
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police	792,664	799,919	(7,255)
Fire	131,750	131,917	(167)
Dispatch service	79,300	79,293	7
Emergency management	5,000	18,021	(13,021)
	1,008,714	1,029,150	(20,436)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
Town maintenance	571,584	446,517	125,067
Street lights	7,000	6,395	605
	578,584	452,912	125,672
SANITATION:			
Trash pick-up	627,290	613,889	13,401
HEALTH & WELFARE:			
General assistance	20,000	30,669	(10,669)
Health department	53,948	53,948	-
Water treatment	-	-	-
Animal control	500	75	425
Mosquito control	61,000	61,000	-
	135,448	145,692	(10,244)
PARKS & RECREATION:			
Parks	67,230	59,011	8,219
Recreation	99,695	78,147	21,548
Patriotic	1,500	939	561
Heritage & other	6,475	2,664	3,811
	174,900	140,761	34,139

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES (Continued):			
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond principal	493,000	493,000	-
Interest-long term	328,826	329,140	(314)
Interest-short term	500	-	500
	822,326	822,140	186
CAPITAL OUTLAY & SPECIAL WARRANTS:			
Library expansion	325,000	292,131	32,869
Computers	5,000	2,606	2,394
Office technology	10,000	7,031	2,969
Stevens field	75,000	63,303	11,697
Reassessment	45,000	32,750	12,250
Highway reconstruction	120,000	225,761	(105,761)
Digital tax mapping	14,900	14,900	-
Municipal equipment	490,000	495,290	(5,290)
Municipal improvements	25,000	-	25,000
Playing fields	56,083	56,083	-
Gateway district	20,000	-	20,000
	1,185,983	1,189,855	(3,872)
COUNTY	1,140,212	1,140,212	-
SCHOOL DISTRICT	17,969,316	17,969,316	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,456,494	25,216,606	239,888
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(446,932)	64,685	511,617
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers-in	510,000	510,000	-
Operating transfers-out	(522,334)	(549,690)	(27,356)
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES (USES)	(12,334)	(39,690)	(27,356)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(459,266)	24,995	484,261
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,200,306	1,200,306	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	$ 741,040	$ 1,225,301	$ 484,261

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
02/15/10	DODGE, BRYSON THEODORE	EXETER	DODGE, TIMOTHY	DODGE, NICOLE
03/06/10	SHAHEEN, LENA ELIZABETH	EXETER	SHAHEEN, DANIEL	SHAHEEN, JULIE
03/12/10	FERNALD, TYLER ALLAN	EXETER	FERNALD, MARK	FERNALD, SARAH
03/25/10	PARMELEE, MICHAEL ASAHEL	EXETER	PARMELEE, KEVIN	PARMELEE, LISA
03/30/10	AIKEN, CAROLINE ELIZABETH	EXETER	AIKEN, DAVID	AIKEN, MICHELLE
04/04/10	LORD, ANNABELLE JULIETTE	PORTSMOUTH	LORD, WILLIAM	LORD, JULIE
04/04/10	BOURN, GABRIEL MARTIN	STRATHAM	BOURN, JASON	BOURN, CARI
04/04/10	FITZGERALD, ISABLLE LAINE	EXETER	FITZGERALD, JOSEPH	FITZGERALD, CYNTHIA
04/15/10	BOUCHER III, LEO JOHN	EXETER	BOUCHER JR, LEO	BOUCHER, ANN-MARIE
04/21/10	TAN, ABIGAIL FAITH MACROHON	EXETER	TAN, VINCE KENNETH	TAN, GINA
04/22/10	BUTSON, ANDREW WALLACE	EXETER	BUTSON, CHAD	COTE, STACEY
04/24/10	FORGY, CAMDEN JAMES	PORTSMOUTH	FORGY, JEFFREY	FORGY, EMILY
05/07/10	MCIVER, JACK WILLIAM	EXETER	MCIVER, RYAN	MCIVER, BETHANY
05/18/10	LAPRADE, EVAN PAUL	EXETER	LAPRADE, DANIEL	LAPRADE, ANN
05/27/10	TAORMINA, MAX PETER	EXETER	TAORMINA, MATTEO	TAORMINA, JAIME
06/03/10	SUBRAMANIAN, PRISHA A	PORTSMOUTH	SUBRAMANIAN, ANANDHA	VEDARAMAN, PRIYA
06/03/10	SUBRAMANIAN, DIYA A	PORTSMOUTH	SUBRAMANIAN, ANANDHA	VEDARAMAN, PRIYA
06/03/10	CARELLA, ADAM MICHAEL	PORTSMOUTH	CARELLA, MICHAEL	CARELLA, ANDREA
06/07/10	EMANUEL, GRAHAM TOMAS	EXETER	EMANUEL, DAVID	EMANUEL, MARIA
06/13/10	VAIDYA, ARIKA ABHISHEK	EXETER	VAIDYA, ABHISHEK	KADAM, KAVITA
06/22/10	HAAS, CASEY WHALEN	EXETER	HAAS, STEPHEN	HAAS, AMANDA
06/28/10	RANDALL, KYLA ROSE	DOVER	RANDALL II, GARY	RANDALL, TIFFANY
07/02/10	CAVARRETTA, ISAIAH DASTRUP	EXETER	CAVARRETTA, CHRISTOPHER	CAVARRETTA, NICOLE
07/20/10	GALLANT, CAMBRIA NOELLE	EXETER	GALLANT, CHRISTOPHER	PERRY, CAITLIN
08/12/10	MARTIN, ZOE JEANNE	DOVER	MARTIN, TYLER	MARTIN, KATIE
08/18/10	WILLIAMS, MATTIGAN SHEA	PORTSMOUTH	WILLIAMS, ROGER	WILLIAMS, TRACY
08/24/10	PELLETIER, AVERY LYNN	EXETER	PELLETIER, MATTHEW	PELLETIER, RACHAEL
09/01/10	PERACCHI, TIMOTHY JOSEPH	EXETER	PERACCHI JR, JOHN	PERACCHI, KELLY
09/14/10	KARAM, CONNOR JEFFREY	EXETER	KARAM, JEFFREY	KARAM, MICHELE
10/02/10	HOVATER, MASON VERNON	EXETER		HOVATER, AMBER
10/08/10	HARRINGTON, CHARLES TODD	EXETER	HARRINGTON, TODD	HARRINGTON, KATHRYN
10/19/10	PARKER, ANNA LILL-BRITT	EXETER	PARKER, ALEXANDER	PARKER, ALEXANDRA
10/19/10	PARKER, OLIVIA CHARLOTTE	EXETER	PARKER, ALEXANDER	PARKER, ALEXANDRA
11/08/10	CURTIS, CALLIE ANNE	EXETER	CURTIS, DANIEL	CURTIS, REBECCA
11/18/10	ROTHFUSS, COOPER AXEL	PORTSMOUTH	ROTHFUSS, CHRISTOPHER	BETTS, REBECCA
11/23/10	MARCARELLI, PATRICK MARIO	PORTSMOUTH	MARCARELLI, DEAN	FLYNN, KELLY
11/26/10	PAINE, ALEXANDER JAMESON	PORTSMOUTH	PAINE, JAMESON	SANTANA-PAINE, CARMEN
12/13/10	PETLICK, ZURI LYNN	EXETER	PETLICK, MICHAEL	LAROCHE, DANIELLE
12/25/10	O'CONNOR, NATALIE HOPE	DOVER	O'CONNOR, MICHAEL	O'CONNOR, PENELOPE

DEATH REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
PARNELL, WILLIAM	01/06/10	PORTSMOUTH	PARNELL, JAMES	HOURIHAN, MARY
DAOUST, CHRISTOPHER	01/14/10	EXETER	DAOUST, DAVID	BURKE, JEANETTE
HERDECKER, WERNER	01/16/10	EXETER	HERDECKER, CARL	BAUER, EMMA
BRADLEY, DEBORAH	02/06/10	STRATHAM	VOZZELLA, GERALD	NOLAN, MARY
GOGGIN, ANNA	02/13/10	EXETER	SPILLANE, PATRICK	O'CONNOR, ANNA
HULL, MARGARET	03/11/10	STRATHAM	FOLEY, COLEMAN	FOLAN,ANNIE
FOSS, KATHLEEN	04/22/10	EXETER	WALSH, JOHN	KELLEHER, FLORENCE
NERON, NANCY	05/14/10	STRATHAM	TRACY, ALTON	DOYLE, DOROTHY
COMPANION, FRIEDERICKA	06/06/10	STRATHAM	BAUMGARDNER, MATHIEUS	BAUMGARDNER, THERESA
ROBINSON, CAROLINE	06/18/10	STRATHAM	SALTONSTALL, HENRY	DRINKER, CECILIA
HARVEY, MARJORIE	06/25/10	STRATHAM	CHILDS, RAY	STEVENS, MADELEINE
SCAMMAN, BARBARA	06/27/10	EXETER	YEATON, DONALD	MEADER, MARION
ROBERTS, VIOLA	06/27/10	DOVER	SORNBERGER, EDDIE	MCCOUBEY, MARY
LAMONTAGNE, VIRGINIA	06/28/10	PORTSMOUTH	CHRISTESEN, SCOTT	MAYO, ELEANOR
BROWN, GERTRUDE	07/24/10	BRENTWOOD	DURANT, CLINTON	HAMEL, LENA
PEARSON, BEATRICE	08/05/10	STRATHAM	JOHNSON, EMIL	ANDERSSON, EMMA
MOODY, ROSE	08/10/10	CONCORD	PALREIRO, JOSEPH	FREITAS, MARY
SERWACKI, HELEN	08/13/10	BRENTWOOD	TYBURCZY, JOHN	DELEKTA, MARY
SAWYER, MARGARET	08/23/10	EXETER	BEAN, HAROLD	ROBERTS, HELEN
EMOND, BARBARA	08/25/10	STRATHAM	MCLANE, WILLIAM	JACKSON, ANNA
FRANCIS, FRANCES	08/27/10	STRATHAM	BAKER, JOHN	COYLE, MARIE
WILLIAMS, WENDELL	09/07/10	PORTSMOUTH	WILLIAMS, LEO	PIKE, ALICE
HUTTON SR, FRED	09/08/10	EXETER	HUTTON, JOHN	CLARK, EMMA
MEYER, GAIL	10/17/10	STRATHAM	TAYLOR, WALTER	BOLLI, GRACE
MULLER, MARGERY	10/21/10	EXETER	MORSE, GEORGE	STELLING, RUTH
RANDLETT, WALTER	10/24/10	STRATHAM	RANDLETT, SHERBURNE	BURDEN, MAE
SIMONS, CAROLYN	10/30/10	STRATHAM	DIBATTISTA, GEORGE	SILVESTER, AGNES
CLARK, HEATHER	11/09/10	STRATHAM	RANKIN, DOUGLAS	GAYNOR, MARGURITE
BARLOW, THELMA	11/19/10	STRATHAM	COTE, SAMUEL	RICHARD, MARGARET
SALERNO, MARY	11/22/10	PORTSMOUTH	CARUSO, JAMES	CLIFFORD, GERTRUDE
BICKFORD, WAYNE	11/28/10	EXETER	BICKFORD, MERWIN	SALISBURY, LAVERNE
DEFILLIPO, VIOLA	12/18/10	STRATHAM	FELIX, JERRY	LUDWIG, OTTIE

MARRIAGES REPORTED FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010

PERSON A'S NAME	PERSON A'S RESIDENCE	PERSON B'S NAME	PERSON B'S RESIDENCE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
LOWERY, MICHAEL W	STRATHAM NH	BANTICK, LAURA J	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	01/01/10
LILAKOS, JACLYN M	STRATHAM NH	KONOPKA, CHRISTOPHER	EXETER, NH	EXETER	EXETER	01/01/10
BRODEUR, MARK	STRATHAM NH	DAVEY, JOHN A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	CONCORD	01/04/10
BARTLETT, GEORGE F	STRATHAM NH	FLORESCA, TERESITIA A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	BRETTON WOODS	02/12/10
FERNALD, MARK A	STRATHAM NH	ANDERSON, SARAH A	STRATHAM, NH	EXETER	STRATHAM	02/13/10
NOYES, DANIEL G	STRATHAM NH	LESSARD, BRITTANY R	NEWFIELDS, NH	NEWFIELDS	CANDIA	02/14/10
AIKEN, DAVID G	OXFORD, ME	JOHANSSON, MICHELLE A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	02/20/10
DAVIS, NICHOLAS R	STRATHAM NH	WAGNER, KATHERINE N	SOMERSWORTH	SOMERSWORTH	ALBANY	03/20/10
GALLANT, JEANINE S	STRATHAM NH	GALLANT, TODD E	HAMPTON FALLS	EXETER	EXETER	04/12/10
OCONNOR, LORRAINE E	STRATHAM NH	BARONDES, CHARLES D	PORTSMOUTH	PORTSMOUTH	PORTSMOUTH	04/24/10
DESHONG, AMANDA A	STRATHAM NH	WALLACE, JOAN M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	LEE	04/24/10
NUTTING, CHRISTOPHER	STRATHAM NH	ANDERSON, ANDREA M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	06/01/10
WILLIAMS, KEVIN A	STRATHAM NH	COLCORD, HOLLY L	EXETER, NH	EXETER	EXETER	06/05/10
BICKFORD, PETER W	STRATHAM NH	RODRIGUEZ, MARGARITA	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	EPPING	06/05/10
COTY, MICHAEL E	STRATHAM NH	MURRAY, BRIGID K	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	06/05/10
MURPHY, CHRISTOPHER	EPPING NH	APICELLA, LINDA M	STRATHAM, NH	EPPING	EPPING	06/26/10
ARCADIPANE, JOSEPH R	STRATHAM NH	VANREENEN, ERICA L	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	06/26/10
RAND, EMILY A	STRATHAM NH	CASPER, GREG A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	DURHAM	06/26/10
FORD, CHELSEA M	STRATHAM NH	BOURASSA, NICHOLAS M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	GREENLAND	06/26/10
APATANG, ELAINE	STRATHAM NH	BUTTS, FREDERICK	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	MEREDITH	07/02/10
DICK, BRITTANY A	EXETER, NH	BLANEY, RYAN J	STRATHAM, NH	EXETER	KENSINGTON	07/03/10
MULLEN, BRENDAN C	W.WARWICK RI	WOOD, LAURA A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	MEREDITH	07/16/10
DROLET, RAYMOND A	WINDHAM, ME	DIMARTINO, LEANNE M	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	07/17/10
AESCHLIMAN, CHRISTOPHER	STRATHAM NH	STEARNS, SUSAN R	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	07/24/10
WILLIAMS, JEREMY I	GUNNISON, CO	DYKSTRA, AMY E	STRATHAM, NH	RYE	RYE	07/25/10
DELISLE, RYAN M	W.NOTTINGHAM	RONDEAU, SARAH A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	NORTHWOOD	08/07/10
TULL, JACK B	STRATHAM NH	LANGTON, AMY E	STRATHAM, NH	GREENLAND	STRATHAM	08/15/10
WOODMANCY, HENRY A	STRATHAM NH	REARDON, CONSTANCE P	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	ROCHESTER	08/21/10
DAUGHAN, ANDREW C	STRATHAM NH	LENEHAN, KATHLEEN B	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	LEE	08/21/10
WILDES, AMANDA N	STRATHAM NH	OBERMILLER, RYAN G	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	MEREDITH	08/21/10
BACON, AMANDA L	STRATHAM NH	BURDICK, MATTHEW W	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	NEWFIELDS	09/04/10
ARNOLD, TIMOTHY M	HAMPTON, NH	BRAGDON, JESSICA A	STRATHAM, NH	HAMPTON	STRATHAM	09/18/10
DEANGELIS, LAWRENCE	EPSOM, NH	BARNES, RHENDA A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	GREENLAND	09/25/10
VACZY, ROBERT J	STRATHAM NH	WOOD, KAREN L	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	10/02/10
CHATFIELD, MATTHEW	EWA BEACH, HI	SMITH, MARGOT A	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	DURHAM	10/02/10
RICHBURG, NORMAN R	STRATHAM NH	QUIMBY, BETSY J	WELLS, ME	STRATHAM	HAMPTON FALLS	10/09/10
BOWMAN, CINDY L	STRATHAM NH	GILBERT, JOHN E	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	PORTSMOUTH	10/30/10
FERRELLI, JAMES W	STRATHAM NH	EISFELLER, MARIA L	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	12/08/10
MOORE, DEBORAH A	STRATHAM NH	KENNEDY, WILLIAM T	STRATHAM, NH	STRATHAM	STRATHAM	12/24/10

ANNUAL REPORTS

For the school year ending June 30, 2010
with the Proposed 2011-2012 Budgets

OF

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

(EXETER REGION / ERCSD)

AND

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 16

(SAU 16)

MARCH 2011

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grades Pre-School through 5th for Stratham

Stratham School Board

Travis Thompson, Chair Term expires 2012
Wendy Poutre, Vice-Chair Term expires 2011
Claire Ellis Term expires 2012
Gary Giarrusso Term expires 2011
Luke Pickett Term expires 2013

Moderator

David Emanuel Term expires 2013

Clerk

Mikki Deschaine Term expires 2012

Treasurer

John Hazekamp Term expires 2013

Stratham Memorial School

Tom Fosher – Principal
Rebecca Ruel – Assistant Principal
Judy Lewis – Nurse
Dumais & Ferland – Auditor

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT (ERCSD)

Grades 6th through 12th for: Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham

Exeter Region Cooperative School Board

Townley Chisholm – Exeter, Chair Term expires 2012
Dave Miller – East Kingston, Vice-Chair (SAU Joint Board – Chair)..... Term expires 2011
Elizabeth "Liz" Faria – Brentwood Term expires 2013
Michael Grant – Newfields Term expires 2012
Patricia Lovejoy – Stratham Term expires 2012
Jennifer Maher – Stratham Term expires 2011
Kate Miller – Exeter Term expires 2013
Joni Reynolds – Kensington Term expires 2011
Kate Segal – Exeter Term expires 2011

Moderator

Charles Tucker Term expires 2011

Clerk

Susan Bendroth Appointed Position

Treasurer

Robert Boyd Appointed Position

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 16

Superintendent services for the school districts of: Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter Kensington, Newfields, Stratham, and the Exeter Region Cooperative

Michael A. Morgan
Superintendent of Schools

Paul A. Flynn – Associate Superintendent
Laura H. Nelson – Assistant Superintendent
Nathan S. Lunney – Chief Financial Officer
Patricia Dowey – Special Education Administrator

Esther Asbell – Director of Curriculum & Assessment (K-8)

SCHOOL WARRANT 2011
STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Stratham, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stratham Memorial School in said District on Monday, the seventh (7th) day of March, 2011 at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00pm) to act on the following subjects:

1. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,441,265 for the support of the schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the School District, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. (The School Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4-1.)

2. To see if the School District will vote to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Stratham Teachers' Association (the union representing the teachers in the School District school) covering the three year period from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2014, and approve cost items included therein containing, in summary: continuation of other non-salary benefits; and salary increases so that the approximate increase in the cost of teacher salaries and salary related expenses because of this agreement and step increases for each of the three years (subject to change resulting from changes in the number of and in the educational degrees and years experience of teachers employed) over the preceding year will be:

Year	Estimated Increase
2011-2012	$ 57,398
2012-2013	$ 137,428
2013-2014	$ 139,203

And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of $57,398 for the 2011-2012 year, such sum representing the net additional costs attributable to the increase in the salaries and salary related benefits over those included as part of Article 1, the 2011-2012 operating budget. (The School Board recommends by a vote of 3-2 that the School District enter into this agreement and make this appropriation of $57,398.)

3. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Special Education Trust Fund" (established by the 2009 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding unanticipated special education expenditures for services, supplies, equipment, or tuitions) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2011 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to $25,000. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article by a vote of 5-0.)

4. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Trust Fund" (established by the 2009 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding facility maintenance and improvement) the sum of $90,000. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article by a vote of 5-0.)

5. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate $150,000 for the purpose of repairing pavement at the Stratham Memorial School. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article by a vote of 5-0.)

6. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham on this 9th day of February 2011.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST:

STRATHAM SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL WARRANT 2011
STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Stratham, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Center in said District on the eighth (8th) day of March, 2011 between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning (8:00AM) and eight o'clock in the evening (8:00PM) to act on the following subjects:

1. To choose two (2) Members of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.

Given under our hands at said Stratham on this 9th day of February, 2011.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST:

STRATHAM SCHOOL BOARD

MS-26

SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

OF: STRATHAM NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list ALL APPROPRIATIONS in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.

2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): 9 Feb 2011

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
Please sign in ink.

Wendy C. Poulin

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

MS-26 Budget - School District of _____STRATHAM_____ FY 2012_____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/09 to 6/30/10	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
1100-1199	Regular Programs		2,964,549.14	2,981,688.00	2,986,573.00	
1200-1299	Special Programs		1,057,947.94	1,132,259.00	1,146,421.00	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs					
1400-1499	Other Programs		1,457.90	3,625.00	3,375.00	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs					
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs					
	SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
2000-2199	Student Support Services		671,371.37	769,783.00	698,098.00	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		865,261.75	777,131.00	797,856.00	
	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
2310 840	School Board Contingency				52,900.00	
2310-2399	Other School Board		31,896.90	52,900.00		
	EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
2320-310	SAU Management Services		219,427.00	217,564.00	224,983.00	
2320-2399	All Other Administration					
2400-2499	School Administration Service		320,297.39	313,471.00	311,276.00	
2500-2599	Business					
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		401,539.34	421,686.00	405,471.00	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		349,889.44	419,544.00	412,402.00	
2800-2999	Support Service, Central & Other		1,880,718.27	2,152,020.00	2,189,410.00	
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES			198,620.00	205,000.00	
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		43,029.91	47,000.00	7,500.00	
	OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
5110	Debt Service - Principal		0.00	0.00	0.00	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	FUND TRANSFERS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
5220-5221	To Food Service					
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue					
5230-5239	To Capital Projects					
5251	To Capital Reserves (page 3)					
5252	To Expendable Trust (page 3)	WA 2,3,4	50,000.00	100,000.00		
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts					
5254	To Agency Funds					
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.					
	SUPPLEMENTAL					
	DEFICIT					
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		8,857,386.35	9,587,290.00	9,441,265.00	

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) In petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds ; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Expenditures for Year 7/1/09__ to 6/3010_	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
5252	W.A. Capital Reserve - S.E. Trust	25,000.00	0.00	3	25,000.00	
5252	W.A. Capital reserve - Maint. Trust	50,000.00	0.00	4	90,000.00	
5252	W.A. Emergency Generator	25,000.00	0.00			
5252	W.A. Paving Repairs			5	150,000.00	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXX	265,000.00	XXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Examples of individual warrant articles might be: 1) Negotiated cost items for labor agreements; 2) Leases; 3) Supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; or 4) Deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Expenditures for Year 7/1/__ to 6/30/__	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Teacher Coll Barg Agreement			2	57,398.00	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXX	57,398.00	XXXXXXXXX

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
	REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition		15,800.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		4,791.20	5,000.00	5,000.00
1600-1699	Food Service Sales			160,520.00	165,000.00
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		184.20		
	REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid				
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		59,371.73		
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition			2,600.00	3,000.00
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
	REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants				
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition			35,500.00	37,000.00
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		26,820.82	20,000.00	25,000.00
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)				
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES cont.		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
	ERCSD - BUY OUT				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY_____less RAN, Revenue Last FY_____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance			75,000.00	
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		544,730.00	249,487.00	400,000.00
	Total Estimated Revenue & Credits		651,697.95	563,107.00	650,000.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 2)	9,587,290.00	9,441,265.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)		265,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)		57,398.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	9,587,290.00	9,763,663.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	(563,107.00)	(650,000.00
Less: Amount of Statewide Enhanced Education Tax/Grant	(671,870.00)	(671,870.00
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	8,352,313.00	8,441,793.00

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET WORKSHEET 2011-2012

1/20/11 FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION	ADOPTED 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ADOPTED 2010-2011	PROPOSED 2011-2012	$$ +/-	% +/-
1100	REGULAR EDUCATION	2,853,898.00	2,911,263.98	2,953,363.00	2,958,973.00	5,610.00	0.2%
1110	ENRICHMENT	54,797.00	53,285.16	28,325.00	27,600.00	(725.00)	-2.6%
1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,232,557.00	1,057,947.94	1,132,259.00	1,146,421.00	14,162.00	1.3%
1400	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	3,875.00	1,457.90	3,625.00	3,375.00	(250.00)	-6.9%
2120	GUIDANCE SERVICES	128,298.00	121,878.74	132,071.00	131,948.00	(123.00)	-0.1%
2130	HEALTH SERVICES	140,273.00	87,060.64	134,833.00	88,629.00	(46,204.00)	-34.3%
2138	HEARING SERVICES	24,570.00	0.00	12,915.00	3,800.00	(9,115.00)	-70.6%
2139	VISION SERVICES	12,920.00	0.00	3,040.00	5,510.00	2,470.00	81.3%
2140	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	77,427.00	79,320.56	79,906.00	79,906.00	0.00	0.0%
2150	SPEECH PATHOLOGY SERVICES	198,541.00	202,636.17	209,083.00	194,723.00	(14,360.00)	-6.9%
2160	PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES	189,559.00	180,475.26	197,935.00	193,582.00	(4,353.00)	-2.2%
2210	IMPROVEMENT OF INSTR SERVICES	509,476.00	597,371.71	506,864.00	530,739.00	23,875.00	4.7%
2222	SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	98,917.00	97,962.32	99,181.00	99,381.00	200.00	0.2%
2225	COMPUTER - ASSISTED INSTR SVS	186,500.00	169,927.72	171,086.00	167,736.00	(3,350.00)	-2.0%
2310	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	32,575.00	31,896.90	52,900.00	52,900.00	0.00	0.0%
2320	OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT SVS.	232,096.00	219,427.00	217,564.00	224,983.00	7,419.00	3.4%
2400	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	340,007.00	320,297.39	313,471.00	311,276.00	(2,195.00)	-0.7%
2600	OPERATION OF PLANT	395,487.00	381,116.87	400,685.00	383,471.00	(17,214.00)	-4.3%
2630	CARE OF GROUNDS	19,400.00	20,422.47	21,000.00	22,000.00	1,000.00	4.8%
2700	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVS	420,493.00	349,889.44	419,544.00	412,402.00	(7,142.00)	-1.7%
2900	SUPPORT SERVICES - BENEFITS	1,952,315.00	1,880,718.27	2,152,020.00	2,189,410.00	37,390.00	1.7%
5100	DEBT SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
3110	FOOD SERVICES	195,018.00	0.00	198,620.00	205,000.00	6,380.00	3.2%
4500	SITE IMPROVEMENT	43,525.00	43,029.91	47,000.00	7,500.00	(39,500.00)	-84.0%
5252	WARRANT ARTICLES - TRUST FUNDS	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	(100,000.00)	0.0%
	GRAND TOTALS	9,342,524.00	8,807,386.35	9,587,290.00	9,441,265.00	(146,025.00)	-1.52%

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

2011-2012 REVENUE PROJECTION

	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ADOPTED 2010-2011	PROPOSED 2011-2012
BALANCE (ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED)	544,730.00	324,487.00	400,000.00
BUILDING AID	0.00	0.00	0.00
FOUNDATION AID	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHILD NUTRITION	0.00	198,620.00	205,000.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	4,791.20	5,000.00	5,000.00
BOND REFUNDING	0.00	0.00	0.00
CATASTROPHIC AID	59,371.73	0.00	0.00
TUITION	15,800.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
KINDERGARTEN AID	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXETER REGION CO-OP / BUY-OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS	26,820.82	20,000.00	25,000.00
OTHER	184.20	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	**651,697.95**	**563,107.00**	**650,000.00**
Amount of Cost of Adequate Education Grant	**672,412.00**	**671,870.00**	**671,870.00**
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	**8,166,024.00**	**8,352,313.00**	**8,119,395.00**
TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED OR TO BE VOTED BY DISTRICT	**9,593,265.00**	**9,587,290.00**	**9,441,265.00**
1/20/11		**Change in Assessment**	(232,918.00)

2/1/11 4:30 PM

Form F4

Please follow the accompanying instructions carefully.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMPUTER & STATISTICAL SERVICES
CONCORD

Stratham
District

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the School District of Stratham
Fiscal Year July 1, 2009__ to June 30, 2010

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 2009___ (Treasurer's bank balance)		1,264,428.28
Received from Selectmen (Include only amounts actually received)		
Current Appropriation	7,857,763.00	
Deficit Appropriation		
Balance of Previous Appropriations		
Advance on Next Year's Appropriations		
Revenue from State Sources	761,224.37	
Revenue from Federal Sources	35,355.57	
Received from Tuitions	15,800.00	
Received as income from Trust Funds		
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)		
Revenue from Capital Reserve Funds		
Revenue from all Other Sources	372,284.22	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		9,042,427.16
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)		10,306,855.44
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		(9,140,350.39)
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2010_ (Cash & Investment Balance)(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		1,166,505.05

Date

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of _____ of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2 and find them correct in all respect.

Date

Auditors

DF CPA
Dumais & Ferland
Certified Public Accountants, LLC
99 High Street • Somersworth, New Hampshire 03878

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Stratham School Board
Stratham School District
Stratham, NH 03885

School Board Members:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stratham School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Stratham School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and other deficiencies that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the following deficiencies in Stratham School District's internal control to be material weaknesses:

Activity Fund - Expenses
Three invoices were paid on three separate occasions and were posted to the general account category of the Activity Fund. The three invoices were for meals totaling $845.10. Description of the expenses were opening of school, in service day and interviews. These meal expenses should be paid from the General Fund and not from the general account category of the Activity Fund.

Activity Fund - Accounts Over Expended at Year End
The following accounts within the Activity Fund were over expended at year end. This means the remaining accounts that had a positive balance at year end were required to support the activities of the over drawn accounts.

General Account	$ 3,460.17
Kindergarten Field Trip	765.86
1st Grade Field Trip	322.50
RA Field Trip	469.50

It is recommended that no individual accounts within the Activity Fund end the school year with a negative balance.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the following deficiencies in Stratham School District's internal control to be significant deficiencies:

Food Service - Receivables

The software used by the food service director has the ability to breakout total sales from meals served to students and faculty each month. This includes a detailed list of unpaid student accounts and inventory on hand. This information should be presented to the SAU each month, and they would then be able to record the revenue, receivables and inventory. This would allow the comparison of accounts receivable to the subsidiary ledger and the ability to ascertain that funds have been properly collected and deposited within the month.

Capital Assets

The District does not maintain an inventory of capital assets. We recommend that the District perform a physical inventory of equipment, tags should be placed on each asset with numbers that are recorded in a detail ledger and the cost or fair value assigned to each piece of equipment.

This would assist in planning for future capital expenditures, determining proper values for insurance purposes and prevent the loss or unauthorized use of these assets.

Appropriation from the Town of Stratham

Presently, the Town of Stratham mails the monthly appropriation checks to SAU 16. These funds are then deposited into the District's checking account. As a way to safeguard the appropriation checks and improve the monthly cash flow, it is recommended that a wire transfer from the Town to the School District's checking account be implemented immediately.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the School Board and Department of Education, and others within the organization, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Dumais & Ferland CPAs, LLC
DUMAIS & FERLAND
Certified Public Accountants, LLC

Dated: December 28, 2010

Fellow Citizens of Stratham,

The Stratham School District has worked hard throughout the year to provide the best possible education for the children of Stratham while balancing those needs and expectations with fiscal responsibility. The exceptional education our children receive at Stratham Memorial School is due to the hard work, dedication and talents of our teachers, administrators and staff. They deserve tremendous thanks for all that they do.

The budget being brought forth by the Board represents a 1.5% decrease from the previous year. The Administration, Board and Budget Advisory Committee continue to try and minimize any impact on the classroom while dealing with the ever increasing costs associated with health care, the New Hampshire retirement program and general cost of living expenses. The majority of the budget decrease this year is due to a reduction in identified needs in specialized services. While we are certainly grateful from a budgetary standpoint for these reductions, it is important to keep in mind that these needs can come back in the future just as quickly as they left us for the upcoming year.

The Board continues to operate with clear operational roles and responsibilities. The majority of our efforts this past year were focused on the budget process and negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement with the Stratham Teachers Association. Both of these items will be presented as warrant articles at the District Meeting. I would like to thank my fellow Board members and their families for serving throughout the year. It is their dedication and hard work that makes this process work.

Vice Chair:	Wendy Poutre	Policy Officer:	Wendy Poutre
Secretary:	Claire Ellis	Legislative Officer:	Luke Pickett
Financial Officer:	Gary Giarrusso		

Looking forward to next year, I would like us to begin focusing on the new SAU Strategic Plan and how we can incorporate this into Stratham Memorial School. Our principal, Tom Fosher and his team have already been hard at work on this and I look forward to supporting their efforts throughout the next year. Additionally, the SAU Compensation Committee continues its work looking at all aspects of compensation, with a particular emphasis on health care. We have been represented by Claire Ellis on this committee and I would like to thank her for her efforts on our behalf. This will continue to be a focus across the SAU next year.

The warrant this year will have five articles from the School Board. The first warrant article is the budget. The second warrant article is the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the district and the Stratham Teachers Association. The third and fourth warrant articles are related to the Special Education and Maintenance Trust Funds. One difference from prior years is that the Maintenance Trust Fund is no longer designated to come from surplus funds. This past year the Board had an independent evaluation done on our 20+ year old facility. This provided us with an action plan to maintain the excellent condition of our school. The funding of the Maintenance Trust Fund has been structured to accomplish that needed maintenance. The fifth warrant article would allow for the completion of the parking lot paving.

It has been an honor to serve the residents of Stratham as a member of the board. Thank you for all that you do in support of the students at Stratham Memorial School. I look forward to working with my fellow board and community members throughout the next year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Travis Thompson
Chairperson

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a

SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES		2008-2009	2009-2010
1210	Special Programs	1,022,500	1,057,948
1430	Summer School	0	0
2140	Psychological Services	74,727	79,321
2140	Vision / Hearing Svs	0	0
2150	Speech and Audiology	197,490	202,636
2159	Speech-Summer School	0	0
2160	Physical Therapy	16,691	16,805
2150	Occupational Therapy	153,863	163,670
2722	Special Transportation	90,727	60,752
2729	Summer School Transportation	0	0
Total Expenses		**1,555,998**	**1,581,132**

SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE			
1950	Services to other LEAs	0	0
3110	Special Ed. Portion Adequacy funds	243,892	127,247
3110	Foundation Aid	0	0
3111	Catastrophic Aid	43,703	59,372
3190	Medicaid	48,694	26,821
Total Revenues		**336,289**	**213,440**

ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,219,709	1,367,692

TABLE I

STRATHAM STUDENTS
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 2010

YEAR	PRE	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2004-05	20	99	108	98	94	123	102	644
2005-06	19	95	112	112	95	99	120	652
2006-07	18	92	108	110	108	93	104	633
2007-08	19	83	96	106	111	108	100	623
2008-09	16	97	89	102	107	116	104	631
2009-10	19	91	107	92	106	106	116	637

TABLE II

STRATHAM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE
FOR 2009-2010

John K. Anthony
Jaedon M. Cliche
Joshua D. Curry
Jeffrey W. Edwards
Kirsten L. Johansson
Madison Johansson
Kathleen King
Erica A. Leavitt
Delaney McNulty
Jack M. Merecki
Patrick J. Myers
Thomas L. Myers
Fallon O'Donnell
Kyle Perlowski
Madison E. Reed
Meghan Reed
Anna Scheifele
Marcy Waters

Professional	Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Wages
Adler, Susan	74,037.00
Atherton, Diane	74,037.00
Audet, Rebecca	52,441.00
August, June	80,905.00
Batchelder, Laura	73,787.00
Bates, Yvonne	66,714.00
Beauchesne, Amy	66,821.00
Bucklin, Katherine	52,441.00
Caporello, Laurie	79,905.00
Chartier, R. Melody	74,787.00
Christilles, Tracey	79,655.00
Craig, Deborah	80,405.00
Curry, Jennifer	66,714.00
Driscoll, Margaret	86,589.00
Dunnan, Judith	79,405.00
Durant, Karen (60%)	30,206.40
Eitler, Judith	80,905.00
Fennessy, Debra	68,163.00
Fosher, Thomas	103,025.00
Gagnon, Stephen	79,655.00
Gaudet, Christine	80,905.00
Gilman, Connie	75,505.00
Griffith, Diane (60%)	43,972.00
Guilbert, Nancy	76,755.00
Hackett, Jennifer	75,505.00
Hadfield, Karen	68,913.00
Hale, Gwen	78,405.00
Harrington, Tim	47,422.00
Harrison, Gary	78,405.00
Hazeltine, Mary Ann	72,787.00
Larson, Bruce	47,043.00
Lee, Donna	75,787.00
Leonard, Anne	78,405.00
Lewald-Ratta, Cindy (60%)	43,672.20
Lewis, Judy	69,663.00
MacLean-Smith, Cheryl	72,787.00
Maher, Donna	81,405.00
Mastin, Melissa	72,389.00
McAlpine, Robert	61,247.00
McIntosh, Laurie (60%)	43,672.20
Megan, Sue Ann	80,905.00
Miller, Suzette	74,787.00
Moreno, Laurie (60%)	48,243.00
Morrison, Linda	79,655.00
Noyes-Hand, Laurie	72,787.00
O'Connor, Mary Lou	78,405.00
Page, Ashley	54,397.00
Parsons, Lynn	80,905.00
Pinsonnault, Karen	75,505.00
Ruel, Jennifer	79,644.00
Saltuss, Edgar	66,821.00
Schulz, Patricia	68,663.00
Silvester, Kerry	78,405.00
Snow, Jennifer	78,405.00
Spencer, Frank	79,905.00
Stringham, Carol (70%)	48,239.10
Sullivan, Kristen	75,505.00
Tierney, Janis	80,405.00
Tuveson, Carol	80,405.00
Valenti, Jessica	54,626.00
Wansart, Cathy	80,405.00
Warner, Cathy	68,913.00
Wigode, Lucinda	80,405.00

Support Staff	Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Estimated Wages
Abbott, Margaret	23,046.06
Aiken, Michelle	13,417.75
Bateman, Kelly	15,069.90
Bessemer, Suzanne	19,115.28
Breton, Robert	29,072.00
Breton, Jr., Robert	4,358.53
Brooks, Peggy	21,893.76
Butkiewicz, Mary Ellen	9,152.00
Caldwell, Jessica	18,336.60
Childs, Veronica	18,211.85
Coad, Michelle	8,032.50
Contois, Patricia	5,850.24
Cooper, Jennifer	14,438.70
Colvin, Neysa	12,093.50
Craite, Brianna	23,760.00
Downing, Nancy	19,596.60
Chambers-Dukeman, Patricia	35,869.68
Eichholz, Christine	10,526.88
Elliott, Jessica	18,031.20
Farnsworth, Julia	20,018.70
Firmin, Jacqueline	11,584.30
Foss, Virginia	19,923.21
Gallant, Jeanine	4,862.88
Gebo, Patricia	34,408.00
Gynan, Bianca	17,625.48
Hart, Susan	19,801.80
Harvey, Caryl	5,850.24
Henry, Christyne	16,112.46
Hewins, Gail	13,007.10
Horan, Sandy	19,205.05
Jameson, Melissa	9,468.80
Jones, Barbara	12,997.55
Kelley, Lottie	20,400.90
Kelly, Dana	12,652.50
Kneeland, Jennifer	14,588.64
Kondrat, Kelli	14,130.18
Kopecky, Susan	15,556.45
Lauermann, Gail	18,334.66
Libby, Mark	29,072.00
Loomis, Laurie	23,046.06
Lord, Paula	9,750.40
Lowery, Laura	19,115.28
MacKenzie, Joyce	20,066.46
Manero-Earley, Ellen	16,066.92
Marceau, Dottie	19,205.05
Marshman, Michelle	15,112.24
McKenna, Donna	14,191.30
Miner, Bonnie	21,143.70
Morrissey, Karen	20,066.46
Mousseau, Lynne	19,063.14
Munton, Greta	1,273,140
Nash, Margaret	15,537.85
O'Brien-Sabalewski, Keri	13,571.51
Perry, Anne	19,596.60
Pitcher, Susan	19,205.05
Quinn, Kristin	13,859.15
Ryan, Marlo	39,899.20
Sargent, Ellen	13,700.00
Shaw, Lisa	15,569.17
Sullivan, Mary	13,417.75
Thibault, Karen	13,859.15
Trombley, Stephanie	15,069.90
Woods, Laurie	17,029.56
York, Cheryl	5,479.50
Zampini, Mary	14,191.30

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Regular Education Report

January 13, 2011

Once again, on a terrific, late summer morning, 626 students were welcomed by the 120 staff members through the doors of our elementary school. All parties eager in anticipation of a ten-month journey, learning to grow socially, emotionally, and academically.

The federally mandated testing program was administered to our third, fourth and fifth grade students with the majority of our students scoring in the proficient and proficient with distinction categories. The students made (AYP) Average Yearly Progress as defined by the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) for students in third through fifth grade.

The SMS faculty launched the Reader's Workshop to all students as outlined by the Center for Applied Child Development of Tufts University. The Teaching and Learning Alliance group has provided training, instruction and professional development for the writing program that was implemented for each student. Our Response to Intervention (RTI) efforts have provided students with support in math and reading, aiding those children that may require more direct instruction to meet grade level expectations.

Staff at SMS recognized the efforts of those that submitted their retirement notice: Judy Dunnan (Speech Pathologist), Bruce Larson (Enrichment Coordinator) and Carol Tuveson (Classroom Teacher). Combined, these educators had well over seventy-five years worth of experience with children. New to the SMS faculty was Julie Curry in our speech department. Patty Gebo also was hired midway through the school year as our administrative assistant, filling the vacancy that occurred.

The Champions for Children initiative was created, recognizing those people in the Stratham community that have had an impact on our youth. Our list of recipients includes Jordan Ambarjis, Nathan Merrill, Marlo Ryan and Bruce Scamman.

The school year centered around five school goals emphasizing student achievement, the National Educational Technology Standards for students (NETS-S), school culture, and in conjunction with the Stratham Police Department, an updated emergency plan.

The school received the Annual School Volunteer Blue Ribbon Award for the fifteenth time as many of our community members have volunteered to assist the school in multiple capacities. Serving as presenters at conferences were Becky Ruel (Crisis Intervention), Susan Adler (CPI), J. Stephen Gagnon (Math) and Jennifer Snow (Speech and Language). Jonathan Lindsey was the Spelling Bee Champion, making his way to the Portsmouth Regional contest. Our Geography Bee winner was Nicholas Tosatti. After school programming provided children with multiple choices to participate in; amongst their favorites were Lego Robotics, Adventures in Motion, Comics, Watercolor Painting, Action Jackson, One World Language School and Cross-Country.

Programs that continue to enrich our students included the visits to or from: NH Theatre Project, Wildlife Encounters, Tom Wahle, Portland Symphony, Portsmouth Music Hall, Great Bay Discovery Center, Coppal Farm, Robotics, Winter Sleepers, French and Spanish Foreign Languages, Plimoth Docents and Jeff Warner. Having the opportunity to experience these terrific programs along with our field trips aid in assuring our children a well-rounded education.

I invite you to stop by and visit. It's one way to see how our students are learning and what they are grasping as we develop them for the 21st Century.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Fosher

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Stratham Memorial School Special Education Report

Special education services continue to be provided to students with educational disabilities at SMS as per both federal and state laws. The federal law, IDEA 2004, and the *NH Rules for the Education of Children with Disabilities,* mandate that students from 3-21 years of age with educational disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education, as outlined in their Individual Education Programs (IEPs). We are also required to ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, children are educated with children who do not have disabilities. A goal we have for all our learners is that we can create and provide an appropriate learning environment at SMS so that children are able to make meaningful progress to access the regular education curriculum in their home school.

On November 10, 2010, the NH State Board of Education adopted the proposed amendments to some special education rules associated with the revisions of the NH special education law, RSA 186-C, that were made in 2009. These relate to changes in definitions and parental consent. Other topics of interest this year relate to the use of physical restraint, bullying, truancy, and specific learning disability identification.

Last summer we were able to use ARRA funding to support various projects at SMS. Some of the funding has been allocated to improve our wireless network design to support the more effective use of technology. We are also developing a Response to Intervention (RTI) model for math by offering math coaching and purchasing supplemental math materials to assist with intensive direct instruction for targeted children. Continued professional development will enable us to make this program more comprehensive. Other materials have also been purchased for reading and writing intervention, with two progress monitoring tools being piloted by the special education staff to determine the effectiveness of their utilization.

With regard to positive behavioral supports (another aspect of RTI), we have done considerable training for staff to ensure respect and safety for all students. Last spring, Becky Ruel and Sue Adler provided 9.5 hours of training to 48 paraeducators in a program called Nonviolent Crisis Intervention, a program designed to prevent as well as address students' behavior. An additional 3 hours of restraint training was offered to 19 of them who work with students having special needs. This training has given our support staff specific skills in meeting the social and emotional needs of students, both in the classroom as well as during lunch and recess. This fall, Sue Adler, Jen Snow, and Patty Dukeman designed a more unique program call "Recess School" to assist with children's problem solving skills during outdoor play as a bullying prevention effort, resulting in remarkable improvements in the use of learned conflict resolution strategies.

We continue to work with data teams to make more effective decisions about students' instructional needs, and the benefit of referral for special education consideration if interventions done to date have not resulted in expected progress. During the 2009-10 school year we processed 29 new referrals of which 16 children were found to be eligible. In June, 2010, of our school population, 81 students were receiving services, including our preschool population. Given our inclusion model and RTI efforts, many other children also received support from our specialists to address instructional or skill gaps.

Our staff spends considerable time in meetings and consultations with parents to ensure their concerns are being considered in the design and implementation of children's individual educational programs (IEPs). During the 2009-10 school year, we held 216 team meetings with families, not including the ongoing informal conferences held with parents about children's specific academic and therapy goals. Home/school collaboration is critical for students' growth and learning, and a continued priority for the SMS team.

Margaret E. Driscoll, M.Ed.
Director of Special Services

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2010

Members Present: Claire Ellis, Gary Giarrusso, Wendy Poutre, Bruce Scamman, and Travis Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by School District Moderator David Emanuel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marty Wool.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence for those serving our country overseas.

Mr. Emanuel recognized the present School Board Members. He further explained he would follow simple parliamentary procedures such as all questions and responses being directed through him. When someone wishes to speak they should approach the microphone and after being recognized state their name and address for the record. The Moderator reminded everyone that we vote on one amendment at a time, and no vote will be taken until all questions have been addressed. Should anyone desire a secret ballot they would need to get five signatures from attendees. If any amendments are to be reconsidered this will be done at a rescheduled time, usually seven days later. Mr. Emanuel stated that we are all neighbors and will see each other in the community after tonight so it is best for everyone to be courteous and respectful. He reminded those present that only residents may vote at this meeting and asked for any non-residents to come sit at the front of the audience.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,487,290.00 for the support of the schools, for payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the School District, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Bruce Scamman moved to adopt Article 1 and Travis Thompson seconded the motion. The Moderator recognized Bruce Scamman to speak to this article. Mr. Scamman briefly explained that the School Board had been working since October with the Budget Advisory Committee, and were able to trim the initial 2010-2011 budget proposed by cutting six staff positions and, after comment at a public hearing on the proposed budget, also cutting one sabbatical. The proposed 2010-2011 budget reflected a 1.55% increase in the budget over last year. Mr. Scamman then yielded the floor to Nathan Lunney, Chief Financial Officer for SAU 16, for a presentation regarding the budget.

Mr. Lunney referred to several items outlined in a handout distributed to meeting attendees. He noted that the majority of the 2010-2011 proposed budget consists of salaries and benefits. He stated that the good news was that the debt for the building of Stratham Memorial School has been paid off this year, so the Debt Service line item is now zero. He also highlighted some areas that reflected increases over last year: teacher salaries, due to contractual increases;

provision for payout of sick leave accrual upon retirement, which reflected a contractual increase based upon the number of teachers projected to retire at the end of the school year; special education, due to contractual increases; English as a Second Language tutor salaries which are contractual based on identified students; legal consultation, for support in teacher contract negotiations upcoming in 2010-11; district transportation, since the bus contract provides for a 3.5% maximum increase, however fortunately this contract does not provide for any fuel surcharges; increases in health insurance, as the budget is based on the guaranteed maximum increase of 21.9% quoted by the insurer, although the final numbers for health insurance costs will be forthcoming from the insurance company, and Mr. Lunney noted that compared to other districts, our guaranteed maximum was lower; retirement, due to issues with the NH State Retirement System, the Legislature has altered the cost-sharing formula to 25/75 for 2010-11, and this formula may change again, but the budgeted amount is driven by actual salaries budgeted.

Mr. Lunney then outlined some reductions from last year's budget: reduction in supplies and equipment line items; elimination of the Enrichment Coordinator position and an addition of money for programming, netting a reduction of $15,000; reductions in special education aides and transportation due to smaller demand; reduction in tuitions due to reduced need; reduction in hearing and vision services due to reduced student needs, as well as Federal funds helping to cover such costs; reduction in Computer Tech salary, as this position has been reduced to three days per week instead of five; and SAU costs have been reduced due to staffing changes.

Mr. Lunney explained that the tax impact of the budget request is $0.12 per thousand, however since revenues are projected to be down, the total tax impact will total $0.23 per thousand.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments.

Luke Breton of 11 Evergreen Way was first to approach the microphone. He addressed the health insurance increase, noting that health insurance makes up 13% of the total budget this year, and is masking an underlying problem. Items directly related to the educational experience are being cut to fund health insurance, and State laws governing collective bargaining prevent addressing this problem. He noted two articles in the SAU 16 warrant, but the Moderator asked that his comments be limited to Article 1, offering him time at the end of meeting business if he desired to continue this line of discussion. Donna Maher of 42 Crestview Terrance noted that Stratham Memorial School is the only school in the state whose teachers have agreed to a ceiling on health insurance. Susan Canada of 47 Bunker Hill Avenue, chair of the Financial Advisory Committee, spoke in support of Article 1. She outlined the committee's work and stated that the committee strongly supported Article 1.

There being no further questions, the Moderator read Article 1 and called for a vote. The article passed with a majority vocal vote in favor of accepting Article 1.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Special Education Trust Fund" (established by the 2009 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding unanticipated special education expenditures for services, supplies, equipment, or tuitions) the sum of the amount of the June

30, 2010 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to $25,000. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article.)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Wendy Poutre moved to adopt this article, and Claire Ellis seconded the motion. The Moderator recognized Ms. Poutre to speak to the article. She explained that this article would add up to $25,000 of any excess money left over from the budget at the end of the year to the trust fund created at last year's Stratham School District meeting to address large unforeseen special education expenditures that could arise during the year.

There being no questions or comments, the Moderator called for a vote. The article passed with a majority vocal vote in favor of accepting Article 2.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Trust Fund" (established by the 2009 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding facility maintenance and improvement) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2010 undesignated fund balance (surplus) after giving effect to any appropriation under Article 2, above, up to $25,000. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article.)

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Gary Giarrusso moved to adopt this article, and Wendy Poutre seconded the motion. The Moderator recognized Mr. Giarrusso to speak to the motion. He noted that, as with the prior article, this article would add up to $25,000 of any excess money left over from the budget at the end of the year to the trust fund created at last year's Stratham School District meeting, to build up a balance in the event that any unforeseen repairs to the building might be needed.

Bob O'Sullivan of 97 Tidewater Farm Road first approached the microphone. He asked what the expected surplus fund balance will be at the end of the year. Mr. Lunney responded that the surplus will be not less than $425,000. Stephanie Bergeron of Lovell Road then asked what would happen to any surplus money, and Mr. Scamman replied that it is given back at the end of the year to offset the following year's taxes. Steve Childs of Muirfield Drive asked what the cost for building maintenance is now, and how many years will this be needed. Mr. Lunney responded that planned maintenance is already included in the budget; this fund is for unanticipated maintenance costs. Mr. Scamman noted that the School Board had discussed the possibility of a greater contribution to this fund earlier this year, but reduced it to $25,000. The Board also contemplated eliminating it all together but felt that this fund was needed.

Jeff Wilson of Willowbrook Avenue made a motion to change the amount added to the Maintenance Trust Fund to $50,000. Kevin Joyce of 3 Erik Way seconded the motion.

Marty Wool of Winnicutt Road questioned whether Mr. Wilson's amendment was legal. Gordon Graham, the SAU 16 attorney, responded that this body has the authority to appropriate funds and that appropriating funds to this fund under Article 3 was posted as one purpose for the School District Meeting. John Hazekamp of 65 Dunbarton Oaks asked whether the language of the original article would allow for a range from 0 to $50,000 to be put into the

fund. Mr. Scamman responded that it would not; $50,000 would have to be put into the fund. Bob O'Sullivan of 97 Tidewater Farm Road then noted that there have been recurring surpluses of a substantial nature in the budgets and asked if, in the future, budgets could fund these special funds and then could be tightened to reduce such surpluses. Michael Makabali of Chisholm Farm Road asked whether this year's surplus would be applied to reduce taxes next year. Mr. Scamman responded yes, the surplus is used to reduce the following year's budget so the appropriation requested for next year would be reduced. Mr. Makabali then asked if we put more surplus money into these funds, would there then be less surplus to go to reducing taxes next year. Mr. Lunney replied in the affirmative.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator read the proposed amendment to Article 3 and called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment passed with a majority vocal vote in favor of amending Article 3.

The Moderator then read the amended Article 3: *To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Trust Fund" (established by the 2009 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding facility maintenance and improvement) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2010 undesignated fund balance (surplus) after giving effect to any appropriation under Article 2, above, up to* ***$50,000****. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article.)*

There were no further questions or comments, so the Moderator called for a vote on Article 3 as amended. The article passed with a majority vocal vote in favor of adopting Article 3 as amended.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to make facility improvements to support the installation of an emergency generator.

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to accept this article. Travis Thompson moved to adopt the article, which was seconded by Claire Ellis. The Moderator then recognized Mr. Thompson to speak to his motion. Mr. Thompson explained that the board was indifferent to this particular article, but that it was an issue that was brought to their attention after the December 2009 ice storm. He stated that presently it was not possible to use a generator at the Stratham Memorial School without preparation of the building. He also clarified that this article is only for preparation of the building, and not for a generator. In the event of a future emergency, the Town's EOC would be able, with the facility improvements funded by this article, to secure a temporary generator from the State or other sources and connect it to SMS as deemed necessary.

Rob Tourville of Lovell Road stepped to the microphone and asked what had been done in the past. Mr. Thompson responded that we have done nothing; in the 21 years since the school opened, it hasn't been cold enough to cause concern in the event of a power outage. Lucy Cushman of Winnicutt Road stated that in her experience, while $25,000 sounds high, the amount seemed reasonable for protection of the school building since damage costs would probably be greater than $25,000 should pipes burst. Kevin Joyce of 3 Erik Way asked how

many furnaces the school building had. Mr. Thompson responded that there is only one. Mr. Joyce then added that if this would protect the building, then it wasn't a bad idea. Bob O'Sullivan of 97 Tidewater Farm Road, a former school board member, stated that this never came to pass while he was on the board. He noted that the real issue here is not the replacement of the building, but the lack of an alternative location for educating the town's school children – continuity was the real concern. Pat Elwell of Strawberry Lane asked why the request for these funds was coming as an appropriation rather than from the surplus. Mr. Thompson explained that this would be a one-time expenditure. Roger Thompson of Joyce Lane then stated that this article was initially his idea after the ice storm last year. He noted that, after investigation, it was found that the school's water supply across the street would need a generator of its own, and because of this the boiler could only run for a limited period of time on the water already in the heating system without being able to draw water from across the street. He stated that he plans to vote no on this article since it is too expensive for the limited benefit. Luke Pickett of Smith Farm Road asked if there were any sprinklers in the school building that might be a risk. Mr. Seamman responded that there were sprinklers running along the center corridor of the school, and noted that there had been a leak in this system during the summer that had caused some damage in the school library. However, the remainder of the building has yet to have sprinklers installed. Jeff Wilson of Willowbrook Avenue asked for clarification of Mr. Thompson's comments regarding what the $25,000 proposed in the article would be for. Mr. Thompson replied that the $25,000 would only cover wiring to allow a generator to run refrigerators and freezers in the cafeteria and the boiler with the water already in the system. This article would not include a generator, or any work to enable the ability to draw water from across the street. David Gaynor of 11 Chase Lane asked what the value of food in the cafeteria refrigerators and freezers was, and whether this might make this expenditure worthwhile. Mr. Lunney replied that the cafeteria doesn't carry more than $2,500 to $5,000 worth of food at any one time. Phil Maher of 46 Crestview Terrace noted that if the power fails during the winter, the food in the refrigerators and freezers should be fine, and suggested that perhaps draining the pipes might be less expensive. Rob Tourville of Lovell Road asked if having the ability to use a generator would lower the school's priority with the utility. Mr. Emanuel, who is also the Town's Director of Emergency Management, replied that it did not. Marianne Hazeltine of 16 Jana Lane asked what the school's insurance deductible was, and Mr. Lunney replied that the deductible was $1,000. Mr. Thompson then noted that the issue is not the cost of any repairs to the school, but rather the lack of an alternative location to educate our students while any required repairs were being made.

There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator read the article and called for a vote on Article 4. After a voice vote was determined by the Moderator to be too close, he called for a division of the house. After a count of those standing on each side of the room by the Moderator and Supervisors of the Checklist, the Moderator declared Article 4 passed, with 42 people voting in the affirmative and 33 in the negative.

ARTICLE 5: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

The Moderator recognized Tom Fosher, Principal of Stratham Memorial School, who thanked people for coming. He then recognized members of the Financial Advisory Committee with

SOAR awards and gifts. Mr. Fosher also recognized Chair Bruce Scamman, who is finishing his term as a Stratham School District Board member, with a gift.

There were no further reports.

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

The Moderator asked if there was any further business. Luke Breton of 11 Evergreen Way was recognized to speak at the microphone to continue his previous comments regarding Articles 2 and 3, relating to ratification of administrator and teacher contracts, on the Cooperative School District warrant. He noted that only eight people had attended the Co-op meeting on the warrant, and explained his concern about the impact of these two articles on future health insurance costs and school budgets. He urged people to vote no on these two articles on the Co-op warrant, saying that the problem needs to be addressed since our schools cannot sustain such huge increases in health costs for their employees. Donna Maher of 46 Crestview Terrace stated that the cost of health care is a national problem. The solution is not to take health insurance benefits away from employees, she suggested, but rather to address the bigger problem of health care. Rob Tourville of Lovell Road said that he has a child in seventh grade at the Cooperative Middle School, and he felt that we need to do whatever we can to attract and retain the best teachers. He noted that he is a consultant on health care to businesses, and explained that businesses have had to make hard decisions regarding employee health care in order to stay in business; in this case, where taxpayers are paying these costs, the impetus to change is greater. He urged a no vote on Articles 2 and 3 on the Co-op warrant. Marty Wool of Winnicutt Road asked whether the School Board had considered hiring a professional negotiator for the upcoming teacher contract negotiations. Mr. Thompson replied in the affirmative. Mr. Wool noted that a recent *Portsmouth Herald* article had reported that Stratham now had the highest-paid teachers in the state. Bob O'Sullivan of Tidewater Road commented that this was clearly a controversial issue and that taxpayers cannot sustain these costs. He stated, however, that school boards have no control over health care in negotiations because the union contract gives the union control to choose providers. He noted that public employment hasn't caught up with what is going on in today's economic environment, and the union should be willing to work with the board on a solution to this unsustainable expense. Board member Claire Ellis noted that this issue is of concern for everyone on the joint 33-member Cooperative Board, and stated that a Compensation Committee had been formed to review and address this issue. She suggested that this would be a good forum for people to voice their concerns. With that, the Moderator suggested that since the Co-op warrant articles were not up for decision at this meeting, a close to this line of discussion would be in order.

The Moderator reminded everyone that Tuesday, March 9 was Election Day, and the polls at the Stratham Municipal Center on Bunker Hill Avenue would be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Stratham Town Meeting was also on Friday, March 12 at the Stratham Memorial School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mikki Deschaine

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2010 STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

School Board Member for Three Years:	Luke Pickett
Moderator for Three Years:	David Emanuel
Treasurer for Three Years:	John Hazekamp

2010-2011 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Opportunities and challenges confront public education today. Considering the scope of history, these are not unique, but they do require creative solutions. For the first time in the history of our country, gasoline sold for an average of over $3.00 per gallon at Christmastime; social security recipients did not receive a cost of living adjustment for the second consecutive year; the US economy exceeded a $13 trillion debt; and our nation remains at war in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is no wonder that public service organizations, including New Hampshire's public schools, are forced to confront a difficult reality.

Even with these economic conditions, the expectation to provide an outstanding and comprehensive education for our students remains at the forefront of the six communities that comprise School Administrative Unit 16. Families stay here and young couples move here because of the excellent educational programs and services for which our seven independent school districts are known.

Our collective mission as responsible citizens is to continue to provide the best possible public education for the most affordable cost because our children are our future. They are the ones who will have to confront massive national debt and who continue to struggle for international peace.

SAU 16 STRATEGIC PLAN

One of the most significant accomplishments of this year is the unanimous adoption of an SAU Strategic Plan that will set the course for the delivery of programs and services for the next five years. From what began as an initiative in late 2008 concluded with 70 diverse individuals, representing all six towns in the SAU, recommending specific action plans to the SAU Joint Board in October 2010. The Strategic Plan Steering Committee included representation for all seven school districts and captured significant recommendations in the following areas: Communications; Community Involvement; Curriculum and Assessment; Design and Philosophy; Governance; Lifestyles; and Special Education. The implementation phase of the Strategic Plan has begun and individual School Boards have begun to prioritize their goals and future work based on this plan.

Curriculum, Communications, and Community Service

Three of the significant areas that have already begun to see added attention are curriculum, communications, and community service. The new Vision Statement is clear: "To provide a rigorous and comprehensive education that will prepare our students for diverse post-secondary educational opportunities, a competitive workplace, and active civic participation."

Even though some budget issues have led to larger class sizes, fewer administrators, and creative funding strategies, teachers and staff work hard to provide outstanding curriculum opportunities for students. This includes, but is not limited to, the increase of kindergarten time at Newfields Elementary and Main Street Schools; additional course offerings at Exeter High School (EHS), including greater involvement with Project Running Start at both EHS and the Seacoast School of Technology (SST) where high school students earn college credit; the expansion of direct math instruction at the Cooperative Middle School; and more in-depth science instruction at East Kingston Elementary School. The delivery of a solid curriculum that emphasizes high expectations for every student is the foundation of our collective educational mission that will "help students gain knowledge and skills that build intellect, character, and a lifelong thirst for learning."

Communication with various constituent groups remains crucial in today's information society. Websites for both the SAU and individual schools are updated regularly to provide valuable information to students, parents, and community members. Newspapers regularly carry a variety of stories from athletics to fine arts accomplishments and from budget to human interest stories.

The local cable access channel broadcasts many local interest programs from School Board meetings to high school football and soccer games. Watch for the expansion of programming during the upcoming year when SAU 16 will host its own separate "Educational Channel" that will be available to Comcast viewers in all six towns within the SAU. This was made possible through the Town of Exeter's negotiations with Comcast this year.

While continuing many past efforts this year, every school within the SAU took an active role in providing extensive community service that impacted others in a positive way. This included numerous efforts to provide food and basic necessities to families and local food pantries. Kensington Elementary was very involved with its Jingle Bells Jaunt for the second consecutive year. Over 10,000 food items were donated in two years to help others. Rather than accepting gifts during the holiday season, the staffs at Stratham Memorial School and Newfields Elementary School asked parents to donate items to the NH Food Bank or Pease Greeters respectively. Also, for the second consecutive year, the Do Good Denim project collected over 2,500 pairs of slightly-used jeans that were distributed to students in the North Country where their communities were hardest hit by the closing of mills and the significant loss of jobs. Through the collective efforts of many of the school nurses, often unsung heroes within the SAU, many struggling families received holiday baskets. Limited space here does not allow for the extensive enumeration of all of the outstanding acts of service that our students and staff perform each year. Suffice it to say, however, that community service is very important and visible within our school communities.

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR--2011

Ms. Margaret Callahan, Principal of the Seacoast School of Technology (SST) since 2007, was selected as the Career and Technical Education Principal of the Year by the New Hampshire Association of School Principals. This impressive distinction highlights the outstanding work that Ms. Callahan has done, and continues to do, at SST and throughout the state. Her support of students and staff and her success with significant community involvement for the 13 programs offered at SST regularly reaps benefits for the school. It is important to note that SST serves students from six different area high schools and is considered to be the best high school career and technical education center in New Hampshire.

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

The SAU 16 Champions for Children award was established last year as an opportunity for each school district to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating significant involvement in programs and/or services that directly benefit the students and families of SAU 16.

Since its inception, 35 individuals have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to our districts. This year's award recipients include the following School Board recognitions: Exeter Region Cooperative - Dr. Philip Hatcher, Rev. Michael Pike, Susan McFarland Moynahan, Martha LaPerle, Ed Pease, Kathy Bean, Langdon Plumer, Mike Wentworth, and the Robinson Trust Board of Trustees; East Kingston - Chris Benson; Exeter - Sue Bendroth and Deanna MacDonald; Kensington - Lili Spinosa; Newfields—Laura Gowing; Brentwood—Sheila Lane; Stratham - Susan Bessemer, Jordan Ambargis, Nathan Merrill, Bruce Scamman, Susan Adler, Jennifer Snow, and Patricia Dukeman. These individuals have significantly impacted their respective schools and communities. Congratulations to each of them!

SOLAR ARRAYS

Drive onto the grounds of Exeter High School today and see the large solar array that was installed this year. In conjunction with Revolution Energy, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Nathan Lunney played a pivotal role in securing an investment of $200,000 from Unitil, one of our public utilities, as well as significant savings through tax credits from the US Department of Energy to assist in the funding of this conservation effort. This initiative has both economic and educational benefits to the Exeter Region Cooperative School District.

The East Kingston Elementary School District is also in the process of installing its own 60 kW solar array on school grounds. This was funded by a competitive federal block grant that was initiated by School Board member, Bob Nigrello. These two examples display the commitment of the seven districts within the SAU to find creative ways to conserve natural resources while also assisting taxpayers with long-term costs of essential services.

BLUE RIBBON AWARDS

For 29 consecutive years, New Hampshire Partners in Education has recognized the volunteer efforts of parents and community members who are directly involved in local schools. In October 2010, every elementary school in SAU 16 and the Seacoast School of Technology distinguished themselves by achieving this prestigious award. This is an outstanding accomplishment and a clear acknowledgement of the positive relationships that exist between our schools and their local communities.

EHS ACCREDITATION RENEWAL PROCESS

Exeter High School completed the process of its ten-year accreditation review that is coordinated through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). After an extensive self-study done by the EHS staff and administration, the onsite review by the sixteen-member NEASC Visiting Team took place in November 2010. This effort involved significant individual and group work by the entire administration, faculty, and staff at EHS. All of this work is connected directly toward making our high school program and students better prepared to meet the challenging demands of education and living in the 21st Century.

SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID UPDATE

The SAU office was notified in early September 2010 by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to prepare for an audit of the NH Medicaid to the Schools program in all school districts for medically related services billed in the 2008-2009 school year. In late October, a federal audit process was initiated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting records under the Payment Error Rate Measurement Program (PERM).

The SAU 16 school districts have recovered an estimated $3.5M from Medicaid billing in the years since the previous audit in 2001. Audit activities require a detailed production of service delivery records and other documents across all operations in the SAU, including but not limited to: transportation; physical, occupational, and/or speech and language therapies; nursing and counseling services; and rehabilitative assistants. An early analysis of the findings evidenced a low error rate in transaction logs indicating minimal exposure for recovery of funds already received by the district. This recovery of funds is commonly called a "payback."

In response to the first round of the DHHS audit findings, our schools were able to produce documentation preserving $132,000 of the initial $140,000 challenge. Additional evidence and justification have been provided to the DHHS auditor to retain the remaining $8,000.00 balance. A final letter of findings is anticipated in late winter 2011. The federal audit challenge was also answered and given the verification documents the districts produced; it is likely that any revenue loss, if any, will be minimal.

This excellent outcome is evidence of a truly collaborative effort among the SAU offices, each school's staff members, and our Medicaid billing contractor, Multi-State Billing Company. On behalf of the exceptional learners in our schools, I want to thank the members of the SAU 16 communities for their assistance and support.

RX REBATE PROGRAM

Due to the significant efforts of Associate Superintendent Paul Flynn, the Rx Rebate Program offered by the federal government for school districts who have retirees who do not participate in Medicare Part D is continuing to pay dividends. Since enrolling in the rebate program in March 2009, SAU districts have been reimbursed $109,000.

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

In July 2010, the New Hampshire Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Math and English Language Arts. In tandem with this recent adoption was the approval by the SAU 16 Joint Board of our Strategic Plan which includes many curriculum action plans. These two decisions have focused the curriculum work within the districts. Math, English Language Arts, and Science curriculum areas are each represented by a SAU team of teachers and administrators giving each curriculum area grade level and district overview. The work of curriculum committees is to review and identify the essential skills in each content area by grade level. This work should be completed by June 2011 in all three content areas. Along with this review is the completion of a cross-walk between our current curricula with the newly adopted CCSS.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Both the Cooperative Middle School (CMS) and Exeter High School (EHS) have been designated as "Schools in Need of Improvement" (SINI) because of student results on the annual New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests. CMS was designated a SINI in 2008. However, the 2009 results indicated that CMS met "Adequate Yearly Growth" (AYP) in all categories. CMS must make AYP in all categories for two years in a row to have the SINI designation removed by the New Hampshire Department of Education. EHS was designated a SINI due to the 2009 NECAP performance of its educationally disabled and economically disadvantaged students in both math and reading.

Due to each school's status as a SINI, the Exeter Region Cooperative School District has been deemed a "District in Need of Improvement" (DINI). Both schools have developed a SINI plan and the District has developed a DINI plan to address areas in need of improvement. These plans are available for review on the SAU 16 website. Included within these plans was the creation of SINI and DINI teams that meet regularly to monitor progress.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT

During the fall of 2010, all students in grades 3-8 and 11 participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) exams in reading and mathematics. Fifth, eighth and eleventh graders participated in a writing component as well. In May 2010, the NECAP Science Test was administered to all students in grades 4, 8 and 11. The results of those tests indicate that the performance of SAU 16 students continues to be strong relative to their statewide peers.

Annually in May, the CMS and EHS administer the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress. This computer adaptive instrument provides one indicator of each student's growth over a set period of time in reading, language usage, and mathematics. The NWEA program also provides valuable information that assists in grouping students and illustrating specific instructional suggestions for each student.

All students are assessed in a variety of ways including teacher-developed tests, projects, displays and presentations. Elementary teachers use a variety of assessments such as the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), California Achievement Tests, Terra Nova Tests, Gates MacGinitie Reading Tests, and other benchmark assessments to diagnose individual strengths and weaknesses and better inform their instructional practice.

It is important to remember that any standardized test is one indicator and one type of assessment. In addition to using multiple measures, our teachers encourage and provide opportunities for students to demonstrate what they "know and are able to do."

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

There are now eleven formal collective bargaining associations within SAU 16; five of them were open to negotiations with their respective school boards during the current school year. All five of them reached tentative agreements that will be presented to the voters in the respective districts for action in March 2011. Voter approval is necessary in order for the agreements to become effective. These involve the teachers associations in the Brentwood, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham, and the Exeter Region Cooperative districts. During 2011-2012, five other contracts will be open for negotiations.

NEWFIELDS PRINCIPAL CHANGE

Mrs. Helen Rist became the Principal of Newfields Elementary School in July 2010. She replaced Mr. Dennis Dobe who accepted the position of Principal at Woodland Heights Elementary School in Laconia. Mr. Dobe faithfully served the Newfields community for seven and a half years. His hard work and solid professional efforts on behalf of the students and families in Newfields have been well received and sincerely appreciated.

Mrs. Rist is a resident of Dover and came to SAU 16 from the Newington Public School where she served as Teaching Principal from 2003-2010. From 1988-2003, she served as classroom teacher, resource room teacher, reading specialist, and assistant principal at Garrison Elementary School in Dover.

TUCK LEARNING

The diverse educational avenues provided through the SAU continue to manifest the collective commitment to meet the many individual needs of our secondary school students. Consider the ongoing success of the project-based **Great Bay eLearning Charter School (GBeCS)** that currently serves 165 students in grades 8-12 with 60% of those students coming from one of our six communities.

The **Exeter Adult Education** program captures the interest of over 500 students who choose from courses that enrich their lives to courses leading to high school diplomas or GED (General Educational Development). It is important to note that the Enrichment Program is now in its 44th year!

The **Exeter High School Alternative Education** program provides an educational opportunity that includes a combination of academic, behavioral, social, civic, and work based learning experiences. The goal of their program is to empower students to succeed as knowledgeable graduates leading productive lives within the community.

The **Seacoast School of Technology (SST)** offers an outstanding array of career and technical education programs for students from six area high schools including Exeter. The outstanding success of these programs is measured in both the consistent and regular work opportunities provided to students and the significant community involvement by area businesses and leaders who provide support and serve on advisory boards that assist with funding and public relations for the school.

SEACOAST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Seacoast Professional Development Center (SPDC) is enjoying a successful year and would like to thank its member SAUs and districts for the ongoing support of the center. Jennifer Middaugh, Coordinator, has recently presented a newly revised business plan for the center which will be reviewed by the board of directors at the winter meeting.

Ms. Middaugh is a tremendous asset to the center and is to be commended for her ongoing efforts to provide quality professional development opportunities to area educators.

TECHNOLOGY

The SAU 16 Technology Committee is focusing its efforts on curriculum development and review of policies contained within the SAU 16 Technology Plan. Subcommittees have been formed and special thanks are extended to Richard Pratt and Rebekah Prince for chairing the subcommittees.

The IT Department would like to recognize Jim Kach for his service to SAU 16 and its member schools. Jim has been a contributing member of our technology team and has been a positive force in keeping our schools and classrooms technology ready. We wish Jim many well wishes for a very happy retirement and welcome his continued part-time service.

In summary, it is important to note that each school year brings its own set of challenges and opportunities. On behalf of all of the students, families, and staff served by SAU 16, please accept my gratitude for your support of our schools—even in these difficult economic times. It is a pleasure for me to be working with you in this most important undertaking because our students are our future leaders, workers, parents, and taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL A. MORGAN
Superintendent of Schools

THE EXETER REGION

COOPERATIVE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending June 30, 2010
with the Proposed 2011-2012 Budgets

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEMBERS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS

Chair of the School Board: **Townley Chisholm**

Name	Term Expires	Town
Townley Chisholm	2012	Exeter
Elizabeth "Liz" Faria	2013	Brentwood
Michael Grant	2012	Newfields
Patricia Lovejoy	2012	Stratham
Jennifer Maher	2011	Stratham
David Miller	2011	East Kingston
Katherine "Kate" Miller	2013	Exeter
Joni Reynolds	2011*	Kensington
Kate Segal	2011	Exeter

* Joni Reynolds was appointed to fill the vacant position representing Kensington. That position has a term expiring in 2013. Because the position was filled by appointment, it must appear at the next opportunity for election. The position appears on the 2011 Annual Meeting ballot with a term of two years ending 2013.

School District Website: www.sau16.org

Moderator: Charles Tucker

School District Clerk: Susan Bendroth

School District Treasurer: Robert Boyd

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2011 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the inhabitants of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote upon District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet as follows:

FIRST SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (Deliberative Session): In the Arthur L. Hanson III Center for the Performing Arts at Exeter High School, 1 Blue Hawk Drive in Exeter, New Hampshire on **Thursday, February 10, 2011, at 7:00PM** for explanation, discussion, debate, and possible amendment of the following warrant articles:

1. Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $48,922,530? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $48,922,530, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend $48,922,530 as set forth on said budget.)

2. Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Education Association covering the three year period from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2014 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2011-12	$ 449,365
2012-13	$ 499,641
2013-14	$ 595,017

and further raise and appropriate the sum of $449,365 for the 2011-12 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, if approved, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. The Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this appropriation.)

3. Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Fund" (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2011 undesignated fund balance (surplus) up to $40,000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

4. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen.

5. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

SECOND SESSION: At the polling places designated below on Tuesday, **March 8, 2011,** to choose the following School District Officers:

School District Board Member (East Kingston)	3-year Term Expiring 2014,
School District Board Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2014,
School District Board Member (Stratham)	3-year Term Expiring 2014,
School District Board Member (Kensington)	2-year Term Expiring 2013,
School District Moderator	1-year Term Expiring 2012,
Budget Committee Member (Brentwood)	3-year Term Expiring 2014,
Budget Committee Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2014,
Budget Committee Member (Kensington)	3-year Term Expiring 2014;

and vote on the articles listed as **1, 2, and 3,** as those articles may be amended at the First Session; by ballot, the polls to be open at the polling places at the hours designated below:

VOTERS IN TOWN OF	POLLING PLACE	POLLING HOURS
Brentwood	Community Center	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
East Kingston	East Kingston Elementary School Multi-purpose Room	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Exeter	Talbot Gymnasium Tuck Learning Campus	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Kensington	Kensington Elementary School Gymnasium	8:00 AM to 7:30 PM
Newfields	Newfields Town Hall	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Stratham	Stratham Municipal Center	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Given under our hands at _____ on this _____ day of January, 2011.

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Townley Chisholm

Elizabeth Faria

Michael Grant

Patty Lovejoy

Jennifer Maher

David Miller

Kate Miller

Joni Reynolds

Kate Segal

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY 2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

1/20/11 **PROGRAM**	BUDGET 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2009-2010	BUDGET 2010-2011	PROPOSED 2011-2012
ART	385,567	393,754	394,022	393,952
MUSIC	413,518	405,945	413,580	412,855
PHYSICAL ED	547,533	596,991	541,247	666,437
BASIC CLASSROOM	549,235	540,750	557,512	577,130
ALTERNATIVE ED	423,615	423,197	427,973	443,939
READING	528,018	457,815	478,066	484,573
MATHEMATICS	1,886,336	1,917,436	1,935,016	1,913,448
BUSINESS ED	122,441	69,889	95,884	71,951
SCIENCE	1,733,907	1,771,843	1,813,845	1,802,477
ENGLISH	2,015,498	1,982,854	1,991,337	1,980,876
ESL/ESOL/ELL	37,700	103,035	85,691	85,491
SOCIAL STUDIES	1,875,356	1,861,123	1,852,770	1,832,595
WORLD LANGUAGE	1,211,864	1,199,632	1,194,457	1,209,943
HEALTH	211,085	206,615	211,084	188,017
FAMILY & CONS SCIENCE	212,836	143,154	149,274	144,915
TECH ED / DRIVER ED	225,295	217,522	221,936	165,767
COMPUTER	1,197,420	1,214,647	1,206,704	1,234,871
SUBS/SABB/TUT/STAFF DEV	217,560	206,285	217,560	217,560
REGULAR EDUCATION	$13,794,784	$13,712,488	$13,787,958	$13,826,797
SPECIAL EDUCATION	4,174,893	3,743,824	3,996,431	4,003,005
SEACOAST SCH OF TECH	1,589,322	1,612,521	1,622,829	1,682,023
ATHLETICS/XCURR	770,093	732,727	772,663	776,829
ADULT ED	84,445	143,123	126,077	127,630
GUIDANCE/ATTENDANCE	1,113,433	1,078,424	1,106,605	1,133,696
NURSE/HEALTH SERVICES	406,166	380,188	400,808	403,033
PSYCH/SPEECH PATH	485,290	392,743	478,311	474,346
MEDIA/TRAINING	368,845	361,046	372,589	375,448
SCHOOL BD/SPED ADMIN	242,400	188,670	242,400	242,400
SAU #16 ADMIN	1,025,614	1,025,614	1,025,530	1,022,540
SCHOOL ADMIN	1,967,670	1,674,924	1,737,870	1,820,250
PLANT OPERATIONS	2,453,743	2,441,689	2,457,715	2,691,284
UTILITIES/ENERGY	1,528,928	1,302,157	1,500,600	1,511,300
TRANSPORTATION	1,671,806	1,586,640	1,728,900	1,750,480
BENEFITS	8,820,229	8,516,033	9,828,364	9,764,489
INSURANCE	157,900	160,712	163,700	174,180
SUPPORT FOR GBECS	431,295	431,295	431,295	431,295
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$41,086,856	$39,484,817	$41,780,645	$42,211,025
DEBT SERVICE	4,554,904	4,554,903	4,558,705	4,492,995
CAP RES/TRUST FUNDS	50,000	50,000	180,000	-
CAPITAL PROJ/SP W.A.	-	-	-	-
FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS	1,318,510	1,318,510	1,118,510	1,118,510
FOOD SERVICE FUND	900,000	900,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	$47,910,270	$46,308,230	$48,737,860	$48,922,530

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Previous Two Fiscal Years per RSA 32:11-a

1/18/11			
SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES		**2008-2009**	**2009-2010**
1200/1230	Special Programs	$ 3,780,940	$ 3,701,053
1430	Summer School	73,741	42,771
2140	Psychological Services	142,550	146,398
2150	Speech and Audiology	232,372	210,479
2162	Physical Therapy	34,307	22,186
2163	Occupational Therapy	33,344	13,679
2722	Special Transportation	358,005	245,645
2729	Summer School Transp	18,657	15,675
	TOTAL EXPENSES	4,673,916	4,397,887
SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUES			
1950	Service to other LEAs	-	-
3110	Special Ed Portion AEG	1,682,242	766,604
3240	Catastrophic Aid	266,021	252,885
4580	Medicaid	329,211	318,309
	TOTAL REVENUES	2,277,474	1,337,798
ACTUAL DISTRICT COST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION		**$ 2,396,442**	**$ 3,060,090**

MINUTES OF THE EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIRST SESSION OF THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010
EXETER HIGH SCHOOL - ARTHUR HANSON III PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

ERCSD Board Members Present:

Kris Magnusson – Chair – Brentwood
Kate Segal – Exeter
Jennifer Maher – Stratham
Barbara RigordaEva – Kensington
Townley Chisholm – Vice-Chair – Exeter
Patricia Lovejoy – Stratham
Dave Miller – East Kingston
Michael Grant – Newfields

ERCSD Board Members Absent:

Tomasen Carey – Exeter

Administration: Michael Morgan, Nathan Lunney
Chair of Budget Advisory: Robert Aldrich
Moderator: Charles Tucker, Esq.
ERCSD Clerk: Susan Bendroth

Moderator Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of the board members, administration and other parties. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss, debate and possibly amend the following warrant articles, which would then be voted on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. As moderator he would read each article, someone from the board would speak to the article and then anyone interested in speaking to the article would have an opportunity to do so. They would need to come up to the microphone on the floor, identify themselves and town in which they reside and if providing an amendment would need to do so in writing. He would entertain a voice vote first; only upon question would he ask to have a card vote.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #1:

1. Shall the district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $48,529,350? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $48,991,020, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend $48,529,350 as set forth on said budget.)

Nathan Lunney thanked the Budget Advisory Committee, the Board and the Administration for their work on coming up with this budget. He stated the proposed budget is less than the default budget and went on to highlight the changes.

Moderator Tucker noted with no questions, the article would be placed on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #2

2. Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Area Administrators Association covering the two year period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 which calls for the following net increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2010-2011	$ 28,510
2011-2012	$ 36,026

and further raise and appropriate the sum of $28,510 for the 2010-11 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the net increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Patty Lovejoy stated the administrators formed a union and a contract agreement needed to be negotiated. She explained the provisions in the contract highlighting the changes in the health care benefits. Liz Faria of Brentwood asked what happens if the voters vote down this article. Patty Lovejoy responded by saying there would be no raises, but the current health plan that is more expensive would stay in place.

Robert Aldrich proposed an amendment to the article as a result of the January 26, 2010 Budget Advisory meeting. He made a motion to add (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.). Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, seconded the amendment and the amendment was voted on. Moderator Tucker declared that the article would be placed on the ballot as amended.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #3:

3. Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Education Association covering the three year period from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2013 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increases
2010-11	$ 98,540
2011-12	$ 894,984
2012-13	$ 853,174

and further raise and appropriate the sum of $98,540 for the 2010-11 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA273-A:12, if approved, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement in executed. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Michael Grant explained that this was a lengthy process with several goals in mind of minimizing increases, seeking to reduce health insurance and making adjustments to the salary scale. He felt a good part of these goals were achieved with respect on both sides. He went on to explain the agreement. Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, asked if there are any population increases in 2011-2012 or 2012-2013. Michael Morgan responded by saying none were anticipated. Malcolm Allenson, Brentwood asked if the vote was split or unanimous. Michael Grant stated that the large majority was in favor. Robert Aldrich proposed an amendment to the article as a result of the January 26, 2010 Budget Advisory meeting. He made a motion to add (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.). Susan Canada, Stratham, seconded the amendment and the amendment was voted on. Moderator Tucker declared that the article would be placed on the ballot as amended.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #4:

4. Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Special Education Trust Fund" (established by the 2002 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding unanticipated special education expenses) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2010 undesignated fund balance (surplus), up to $100,000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

Kate Segal spoke to this article explaining that we are responsible for meeting the needs of all of our students. Moderator Tucker noted with no questions, the article would be placed on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #5:

5. Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Fund" (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2010 undesignated fund balance (surplus) after giving effect to any appropriation under Article 4, above, up to $80,000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

Tomasen Carey explained that this article covers any unforeseen problems. Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, asked how much was spent last year? Nathan Lunney responded by saying that no money was put into this fund last year but $40,000 was added the year before. The Tuck Campus was renovated for $200,000 over 5 years so it was decided not to add to it last year. Moderator Tucker noted the article would be placed on the ballot as presented.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #6:

6. On the petition of Jeffrey P. Bryan and others:
To see if the Exeter Region Cooperative School District will vote to authorize the written statement of the recommendation or non-recommendation by the Budget Advisory Committee on any and all appropriation articles according to RSA 32:5v guidelines, to be printed on the school district warrant.

Elyse Seeley, Brentwood, spoke to this article and offered an amendment to this article. The article would read the same with the addition: **in the manner that you see on this year's ballot.** Helen Joyce, Stratham, seconded the amendment and a vote was taken. Moderator Tucker declared that the article would be placed on the ballot as amended.

Moderator Tucker read Warrant Article #7:
7. To see if the voters of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District direct the School Board to support any and all efforts of the New Hampshire School Boards Association to seek legislative repeal of RSA 273-A:12, Section VII., the provision in statute commonly referred to as the statutory "Evergreen Clause," to restore local control in the collective bargaining and school district budget processes. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article.)
Kris Magnusson explained that this allows the Board to negotiate the way they always have. Moderator Tucker declared that the article would be placed on the ballot as amended.

8. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen. No reports.

9. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.
Arthur Baillargeon, Exeter, wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Board for their dedicated hours and the Superintendent for his leadership. Helen Joyce, Stratham, as the chair person of the SAU Communication Committee, wanted everyone to know that guidance positions have been cut from CMS and the high school and because of the economic woes is not recommending that these positions be put back in but when considering the academic, social and psychological development of the students that these positions be top priority in the future to reinstate. Kris Magnusson thanked Ms. Joyce for her comment and assured her that the Board will be watching, listening and asking about the impact of the reduced budget decisions. Liz Faria, Brentwood commented that with an approximate total of 23,972 voters not many people came out tonight.

SECOND SESSION: At the polling places designated below on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, to choose the following School District Officers:

School District Board Member (Brentwood)	3-year Term Expiring 2013
School District Board Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2013
School District Board Member (Kensington)	3-year Term Expiring 2013
School District Moderator	1-year Term Expiring 2011
Budget Committee Member (Exeter)	3-year Term Expiring 2013
Budget Committee Member (Newfields)	3-year Term Expiring 2013
Budget Committee Member (Stratham)	3-year Term Expiring 2013

and vote on the articles listed as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

VOTERS IN TOWN OF	POLLING PLACE	POLLING HOURS
Brentwood	Community Center	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
East Kingston	East Kingston Elementary School Multi-purpose Room	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Exeter	Talbot Gymnasium Tuck Learning Campus	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Kensington	Kensington Elementary School Gymnasium	8:00 AM to 7:30 PM
Newfields	Newfields Town Hall	8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Stratham	Stratham Municipal Center	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

There were 48 voters from six towns checked in. Motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E.H. Bendroth, Exeter Region Cooperative School District Clerk

MINUTES OF THE EXETER REGION COPPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SECOND SESSION FO THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING
VOTING SESSION – MARCH 9, 2010

The polls were open at the polling places at the hours designated below to choose the following District Officers: School District Board Member (Brentwood), School District Board Member (Exeter), School District Board Member (Kensington), School District Moderator, School District Budget Committee Member (Exeter), School District Budget Committee Member (Newfields), School District Budget Committee Member (Stratham) and vote by ballot on the articles listed as 1 through 7.

VOTERS IN TOWN OF	POLLING PLACE	POLLING HOURS
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Stratham	Stratham Municipal Center	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Results of the election of Exeter Region Cooperative School District Officers:
Brentwood Board Member, term ending at 2013 election:
Elizabeth Faria **3,222**
Exeter Board Member, term ending at 2013 election:
Katherine B. Miller **3,327**
Kensington Board Member, term ending at 2013 election:
Barbara RigordaEva **99 (write-in)**
School District Moderator, term ending at 2011 election:
Charles F. Tucker **3,676**
Exeter Budget Committee Member, term ending at 2013 election
Robert J. Aldrich **3,265**
Newfields Budget Committee Member, term ending at 2013 election
Simon Heslop **3,151**
Stratham Budget Committee Member, term ending at 2013 election
Lucy Cushman **3,237**

Article 1: Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $48,529,350? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $48,991,020, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend $48,529,350 as set forth on said budget.)
YES 3,579 NO 1,050

Article #2: Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Area Administrators Association covering the two year period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 which calls for the following net increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

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and further raise and appropriate the sum of $28,510 for the 2010-11 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the net increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, if approved, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

YES 2,493 NO 2,147

Article #3: Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Education Association covering the three year period from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2013 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

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and further raise and appropriate the sum of $98,540 for the 2010-11 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, if approved, including the pay plan, but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

YES 2,091 **NO 2,509**

Article #4: Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Special Education Trust Fund" (established by the 2002 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding unanticipated special education expenses) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2010 undesignated fund balance (surplus), up to $100.000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

YES 2,774 NO 1,826

Article #5: Shall the District raise and appropriate to the expendable trust fund known as the "Maintenance Fund" (established by the 2001 District meeting under RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of funding long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of school buildings and grounds) the sum of the amount of the June 30, 2010 undesignated fund balance (surplus) after giving effect to any appropriation under Article 4 above, up to $80,000? (The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee both recommend this appropriation.)

YES 2,830 NO 1,697

Article #6: On the petition of Jeffrey P. Bryan and others:
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YES 2,910 NO 1,289

Article #7: To see if the voters of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District direct the School Board to support any and all efforts of the New Hampshire School Boards Association to seek legislative repeal of RSA 273-A:12, Section VII., the provision in statute commonly referred to as the statutory "Evergreen Clause," to restore local control in the collective bargaining and school district budget processes. (The School Board recommends adoption of this article.)

YES 3,225 NO 1,146

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan EH Bendroth,
Exeter Region Cooperative School District Clerk

EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAU 16 Superintendent Salaries

12/31/2010

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRORATED SALARY 2009-2010	
BRENTWOOD	$7,940.80
EAST KINGSTON	$4,054.60
EXETER	$22,177.25
EXETER REGION COOP	$71,881.75
KENSINGTON	$4,637.53
NEWFIELDS	$3,601.21
STRATHAM	$15,246.86
	$129,540.00

ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARIES (Total reflects 3.0 positions, $115,092, $105,060, $68,592) 2009-2010	
BRENTWOOD	$17,700.01
EAST KINGSTON	$9,037.69
EXETER	$49,432.97
EXETER REGION COOP	$160,224.05
KENSINGTON	$10,337.04
NEWFIELDS	$8,027.08
STRATHAM	$33,985.16
	$288,744.00

SAU# 16 BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

ACCT# 12/6/10	ITEM DESCRIPTION	BUDGET FY 2009-10	ACTUAL FY 2009-10	BUDGET FY 2010-11	PROPOSED FY 2011-12	CHANGE IN $$	NOTES
CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTATION							
11-2320-110	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	390,810.00	368,636.55	355,390.00	397,700.00	42,310.00	1.9% incr
11-2320-112	MERIT FUNDS	0.00	0.00	12,500.00	0.00	(12,500.00)	climinated
11-2320-111	TREASURER & BRD MINUTES	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	flat
11-2320-113	SPECIAL ED ADMIN SALARIES	100,460.00	99,481.00	99,490.00	101,380.00	1,890.00	1.9% incr
11-2320-114	SUPPLEMENTAL SALARIES	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	flat
11-2320-115	SECRETARIES SALARIES	138,910.00	138,901.00	141,690.00	144,380.00	2,690.00	1.9% incr
11-2320-117	HUMAN RESOURCES	58,120.00	57,546.06	57,550.00	58,640.00	1,090.00	1.9% incr
11-2320-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	143,090.00	116,552.47	149,170.00	128,960.00	(20,210.00)	4.5% incr/5% contr
11-2320-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	7,320.00	6,648.28	7,180.00	6,920.00	(260.00)	4.5% incr
11-2320-213	LIFE INSURANCE	4,820.00	4,577.68	4,820.00	4,730.00	(90.00)	per agreement
11-2320-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	5,620.00	5,363.52	5,570.00	5,400.00	(170.00)	per salaries
11-2320-231	LONGEVITY	2,750.00	3,387.54	2,000.00	3,520.00	1,520.00	per salaries
11-2320-232	RETIREMENT (11.09%)	62,960.00	53,510.61	61,390.00	78,420.00	17,030.00	per salaries
11-2320-220	FICA (7.65%)	53,060.00	50,584.94	51,350.00	54,180.00	2,830.00	per salaries
11-2320-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	3,540.00	3,540.00	3,230.00	3,400.00	170.00	per salaries
11-2320-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	430.00	84.80	360.00	820.00	460.00	per staffing
11-2320-290	CONFERENCES	6,000.00	3,240.05	6,000.00	5,500.00	(500.00)	reduced
11-2320-270	COURSE REIMBURSEMENTS	3,300.00	1,000.00	3,300.00	1,000.00	(2,300.00)	reduce to contract
11-2320-320	STAFF TRAINING	10,000.00	13,813.24	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	flat
11-2320-371	AUDIT EXPENSE	9,250.00	7,950.00	8,250.00	10,250.00	2,000.00	per agreement
11-2320-372	LEGAL EXPENSE	6,000.00	4,247.75	6,000.00	5,000.00	(1,000.00)	reduced
11-2320-373	MENTOR TRAINING	6,500.00	3,350.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	flat
11-2320-450	RENT	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	per Coop Board
11-2320-440	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	6,900.00	5,265.69	6,900.00	6,900.00	0.00	flat
11-2320-520	ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
11-2320-521	PROPERTY INSURANCE	1,200.00	795.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	flat
11-2320-531	TELEPHONE	13,000.00	11,204.18	13,000.00	12,000.00	(1,000.00)	reduced
11-2320-532	POSTAGE	10,000.00	1,025.52	9,000.00	4,000.00	(5,000.00)	reduced
11-2320-580	TRAVEL	18,360.00	16,110.00	17,160.00	18,360.00	1,200.00	per contract
11-2320-610	SUPPLIES	11,000.00	10,591.38	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	flat
11-2320-611	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTED	5,000.00	4,820.50	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	flat
11-2320-614	SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
11-2320-733	LEASED EQUIPMENT	17,500.00	15,611.56	17,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	flat
11-2320-810	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	12,570.00	9,727.84	12,570.00	12,200.00	(370.00)	reduced
11-2320-870	CONTINGENCY	2,500.00	4,396.45	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	flat
		1,133,470.00	**1,022,963.61**	**1,088,570.00**	**1,118,360.00**	**29,790.00**	
					2.74%		
					% Change 11-12		

SAU# 16 BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

ACCT# 12/6/10	ITEM DESCRIPTION	BUDGET FY 2009-10	ACTUAL FY 2009-10	BUDGET FY 2010-11	PROPOSED FY 2011-12	CHANGE IN $$	NOTES
FISCAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION							
11-2321-110	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	113,100.00	101,744.92	97,280.00	99,130.00	1,850.00	1.9% incr
11-2321-116	FISCAL SRV MGR/ACCOUNTANT	96,800.00	96,783.00	98,740.00	100,590.00	1,850.00	1.9% incr
11-2321-130	PAYROLL/A/P SALARIES	166,320.00	166,374.00	169,700.00	175,750.00	6,050.00	1.9% incr
11-2321-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	133,740.00	117,582.20	157,220.00	139,530.00	(17,690.00)	4.5% incr 5% contr
11-2321-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	4,490.00	4,224.87	4,740.00	4,950.00	210.00	4.5% incr
11-2321-213	LIFE INSURANCE	1,920.00	1,029.60	1,060.00	1,030.00	(30.00)	per agreement
11-2321-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	3,040.00	2,860.60	2,950.00	2,940.00	(10.00)	per salaries
11-2321-220	FICA (7.65%)	29,300.00	27,965.46	28,510.00	29,350.00	840.00	per salaries
11-2321-231	LONGEVITY	6,730.00	7,086.26	6,930.00	8,110.00	1,180.00	per salaries
11-2321-232	RETIREMENT (11.09%)	31,440.00	28,454.18	34,140.00	42,540.00	8,400.00	per salaries
11-2321-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,960.00	1,960.00	1,790.00	1,850.00	60.00	per salaries
11-2321-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	340.00	105.13	310.00	720.00	410.00	per staffing
11-2321-290	CONFERENCES	2,800.00	3,131.61	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00	flat
11-2321-330	COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	15,420.00	29,430.00	16,190.00	16,920.00	730.00	per contract
11-2321-440	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	2,500.00	436.52	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	flat
11-2321-531	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	4,000.00	2,962.32	4,000.00	3,500.00	(500.00)	reduced
11-2321-580	MILEAGE	4,920.00	4,147.85	4,920.00	4,470.00	(450.00)	reduced
11-2321-610	SUPPLIES EXPENSE	4,200.00	3,583.88	4,200.00	4,000.00	(200.00)	reduced
11-2321-741	EQUIPMENT	750.00	476.00	750.00	600.00	(150.00)	reduced
	FISCAL SVS TOTALS	**623,770.00**	**600,338.40**	**638,230.00**	**640,780.00**	**2,550.00**	
					0.40%		
					% Change 11-12		

SAU# 16 BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

ACCT#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE	
12/6/10		FY 2009-10	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	IN $S	NOTES
TECHNOLOGY							
2820-110	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SALARIES	57,720.00	70,179.00	58,640.00	59,790.00	1,150.00	1.9% incr
2820-321	TECHNICAL CONSULTANT	19,500.00	19,514.84	19,500.00	19,500.00	0.00	flat
2820-329	TECHNICAL TRAINING	18,250.00	18,315.00	18,250.00	18,250.00	0.00	flat
2320-531	TELEPHONE	2,880.00	1,131.01	2,880.00	2,880.00	0.00	flat
2320-580	MILEAGE	7,490.00	5,114.21	7,490.00	7,490.00	0.00	flat
2820-610	SUPPLIES	6,200.00	4,821.16	6,200.00	6,200.00	0.00	flat
2820-611	SHIPPING	500.00	39.24	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	eliminated
2820-641	BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	650.00	273.48	650.00	650.00	0.00	flat
2820-650	SOFTWARE	25,000.00	19,035.24	25,000.00	24,500.00	(500.00)	reduced
2820-738	REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	2,500.00	5,296.11	2,500.00	4,500.00	2,000.00	shifted
2820-739	EQUIPMENT	7,500.00	3,967.93	7,500.00	5,500.00	(2,000.00)	shifted
2900-211	HEALTH INSURANCE	21,500.00	23,059.29	25,290.00	24,370.00	(920.00)	4.5% incr/5% contr
2900-212	DENTAL INSURANCE	500.00	532.22	520.00	550.00	30.00	4.5% incr
2900-213	LIFE INSURANCE	80.00	70.56	80.00	80.00	0.00	per agreement
2900-214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	450.00	333.30	450.00	400.00	(50.00)	per salaries
2900-220	FICA (7.65%)	4,800.00	6,598.57	4,870.00	4,960.00	90.00	per salaries
2900-221	RETIREMENT (11.09%)	4,380.00	4,881.69	4,500.00	5,750.00	1,250.00	per salaries
2900-250	WORKERS COMPENSATION	500.00	500.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	per salaries
2900-260	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	600.00	600.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	per salaries
	TECHNOLOGY TOTAL	**181,000.00**	**184,262.85**	**185,420.00**	**185,970.00**	**550.00**	
					0.30%		
					% Change 11-12		
TOTAL - Central Office, Fiscal Services and Technology		**1,938,240.00**	**1,807,564.86**	**1,912,220.00**	**1,945,110.00**	**32,890.00**	
					1.72%		
					% Change 11-12		
	Salary Savings Returned from Prior Years Budget			(64,010.00)	(87,610.00)		
	Revised SAU Total to be raised from Towns			**1,848,210.00**	**1,857,500.00**	**9,290.00**	
					0.50%		
					% Change in 11-12 Assessment		

SAU #16 Budget - FY 2011-12

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12/6/10 Town	2009 Equalized val.	Valuation Percentage	# Pupils ADM 09-10	Pupil %	Combined Percentage		FY 2011-12 Assessment	Change from 10-11 %	Change from 10-11 $$
Brentwood	$ 216,169,027	5.16%	364.20	6.583%	5.87%	-4.1%	$ 109,109	-3.63%	$ (4,106)
East Kingston	129,190,164	3.09%	202.37	3.658%	3.37%	7.7%	$ 62,641	8.22%	4,756
Exeter	716,001,219	17.11%	949.64	17.166%	17.14%	0.1%	$ 318,302	0.62%	1,973
Kensington	157,811,784	3.77%	191.64	3.464%	3.62%	0.9%	$ 67,190	1.42%	944
Newfields	115,596,257	2.76%	161.37	2.917%	2.84%	2.0%	$ 52,741	2.52%	1,297
Stratham	542,940,029	12.97%	622.52	11.253%	12.11%	2.9%	$ 224,983	3.41%	7,419
Co Op	2,308,007,815	55.14%	3,040.28	54.958%	55.05%	-0.8%	$ 1,022,535	-0.29%	(2,993)
TOTAL	**$ 4,185,716,295**	**100.00%**	**5,532.02**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**		**$ 1,857,500**	0.50%	**$ 9,290**

SAU 16 CALENDAR
2011-2012

Approved
12/20/2010

2011

JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
					1	2	Student
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Staff
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	0
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Student
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Staff
21	22	23	24	[25]	[26]	27	5
28	29	30	31				

SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
				1	(2)	3	Student
4	(5)	6	7	8	9	10	20
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Staff
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20
25	26	27	28	29	30		

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
						1	Student
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	20
9	(10)	11	12	13	14	15	Staff
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						

NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
		1	2	3	4	5	Student
6	7	8	9	[10]	(11)	12	17
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Staff
20	21	22	(23)	(24)	(25)	26	18
27	28	29	30				

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
				1	2	3	Student
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	17
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Staff
18	19	20	21	22	<23>	24	17
25	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	31	

2012

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
							Student
1	(2)	3	4	5	6	7	20
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Staff
15	(16)	17	18	19	20	21	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
			1	2	3	4	Student
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	18
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Staff
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18
26	(27)	(28)	(29)				

MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
				(1)	(2)	3	Student
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	19
11	12	13	14	15	[16]	17	Staff
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
							Student
							16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Staff
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	28	
29	30						

MAY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
		1	2	3	4	5	Student
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	22
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Staff
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	22
27	(28)	29	30	31			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Days
					1	2	Student
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8
10	11	12**	[13]	14	15	16	Staff
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	9
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

Totals	
Student	180
Staff	185

Symbol Key

() = No School / Holiday / Vacation
[] = Teacher In-Service (No School)
< > = SAU Early Release

**June 13, 14, 15 & 18 are snow make-up days if needed

Important Dates

2011 NS = No School

August

Teacher In-Service	NS	Aug 25-26
School Opens - All Students		Aug 29
School Days		3

September

Labor Day	NS	Sept 2 & 5
School Days		20

October

Columbus Day	NS	Oct 10
School Days		20

November

Teacher In-Service	NS	Nov 10
Veteran's Day	NS	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Recess	NS	Nov 23-25
School Days		17

December

Early Release		Dec 23
Holiday Break	NS	Dec 26-30
School Days		17

2012

January

Holiday Break	NS	Jan 2
MLK, Jr. Day	NS	Jan 16
School Days		20

February

Winter vacation	NS	Feb 27, 28,
School Days		18

March

Winter vacation	NS	March 1,2
Teacher In-Service	NS	March 16
School Days		19

April

Spring Vacation	NS	Apr 23-27
School Days		16

May

Memorial Day	NS	May 28
School Days		22

June

Last day for students		June 12**
Teacher In-service	NS	June 13
School days		8

***Graduation** - to be announced after February vacation*

MEETINGS/SCHEDULES

Selectmen's Meetings:	Mondays 7:30 pm (except legal holidays)
Volunteer Fire Department:	1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 pm Business Meeting 2nd (firefighter) & 4th (EMS) Tuesdays Training
Planning Board:	1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month 7:00 pm
Board of Adjustment:	2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 7:00 pm. Upon request.
Fair Committee:	Last Wednesday of the Month 7:30 pm at Fire House
Trash & Recycling Collection:	Thursday & Friday curbside by 7:00 am
Conservation Commission:	2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month 7:00 pm
Library Trustees:	2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm at the Library
Recreation Commission:	Last Thursday of the month 7:30 pm
Stratham Hill Park Association:	Last Monday of the month 6:30 pm